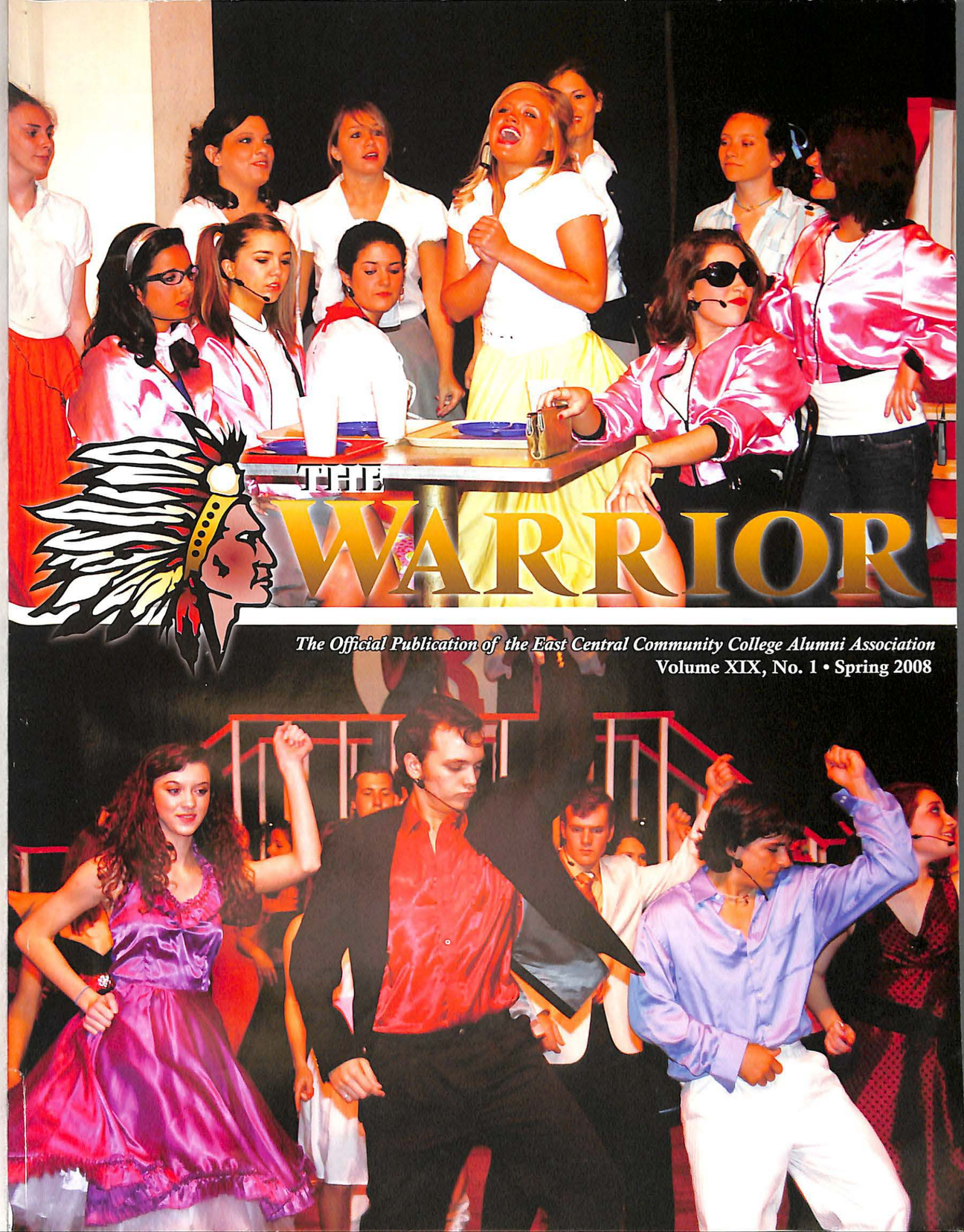

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Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

## *On the Cover*

***The East Central Community College Players recently presented six sold-out performances of the musical "GREASE" in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Cast in the lead roles of Sandy and Danny were Carmen Ezell of Decatur and Drew Harrison of Little Rock. Joan Grimes served as director.***

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# *President's Message*

*Dr. Phil A. Sutphin*

During this past year, East Central Community College worked diligently to enhance our general education instruction and the ability to demonstrate that learning is occurring. A faculty committee worked to establish learning outcomes for general education courses and also selected a general test of educational development to measure the progress of our students.

Two faculty members, Dr. Phillip Crenshaw and Ms. Christy Ferguson, co-chaired the committee and Ms. Maudean Sanders, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, served in a staff capacity. However, the initial efforts to move this process involved the entire faculty, staff, and administration. Two years ago, the College reviewed and modified its mission statement and generated college wide initiatives to chart the course for the College. The initiatives, approved by the Board of Trustees, are the foundation for instruction and became the road map for the general education activities of the special committee.

Curriculum maps for general education are mostly complete and the faculty will identify the general education components that are reinforced or tested in specific courses so that the College can more precisely demonstrate student competencies in those areas. For instance, communication, in both the written and oral form, is a vital component of general education. This skill is a valuable skill in all areas of the curriculum. Therefore, the College will map that skill in all pertinent courses to demonstrate that the skill is reinforced or tested.

A capstone evaluation will be conducted using the American College Testing product College Assessment of Academic Progress (CAAP) test to determine the level of performance of our students over time. The first administration of that test occurred this spring to give us a baseline for future comparison. As we accumulate data over several years the College will be in a position to know the areas that need improvement and appropriate steps can be taken.

Also during this year, significant steps were taken to begin the construction of the Ron Davis Science Building in an area near Cross Hall and Founders Gym. The funding for construction is in place and the architect is finalizing the construction documents. In the very near future, the College will put the specification out for bid so that construction can begin sometime during the next college year.

This new facility will contain state-of-the-art labs for all of our science courses except chemistry which has a fairly new facility on the end of Cross Hall. By the time construction is complete on the Davis facility, we hope to have enough funding to renovate Cross Hall which will remain the lecture hall for all science classes. Funding for both buildings is provided through the bonding authority of the State of Mississippi as approved by the Legislature.

Many other activities and accomplishments have occurred this year at East Central; many of them are featured in this edition of the Warrior Magazine. We continue to strive for success in all aspects of college life at East Central. You are invited to come to campus to see the changes that are occurring and become an active part of the Warrior family.

Sincerely,
Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

# Guraedy Leaving ECCC Following 33-Year Career

Bruce Guraedy has had only one teaching job during his long career in education, and after 33 years of service the East Central Community College art instructor is calling it quits, effective at the end of the 2007-08 term.

Guraedy said his decision to retire was not an easy one to make.

"It's a mixed emotion time," said the Decatur resident. "I'm sad but at the same time I'm glad. There are things I need to do that I didn't have time for when I was teaching. Yet I will miss the students and faculty of this institution."

Guraedy began his employment at East Central in 1975 after receiving a master's degree in art education from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he also received a bachelor's degree in art. The Forest Hill High School graduate later completed additional studies at Mississippi State University and Mississippi College.

Courses he has taught at East Central include Art Appreciation, Art for Teachers, Ceramics I and II, Painting I, Drawing I and II, Design I and II, Art History I and II, Beginning Painting and Inventive Crafts, and Art in Kids' College. He also established a computer graphics lab for the College's Fine Arts Division.

In addition to his teaching duties, Guraedy served as Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and co-adviser for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. He has also served on various committees throughout his career.

Honors received throughout his career are extensive and include the following: Academic Instructor of the Year, 1985; selection as one of 28 Mississippi artists whose works are in the Mississippi Artists Permanent Collection, Mississippi Museum of Art, 1987; recipient of the NISOD National Teaching Excellence Award, 1989; Lamplighter Award, presented to outstanding community and junior college instructors, 1992; honoree for the Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program, 1995; Who's Who Among American Teachers, 1996 and 2000; ECCC Humanities Teacher of the Year, 1996; and recipient of an S. A. Rosenbaum Earthwatch Teaching Fellowship Award to study in South Shields, England, 1996.

He is also a charter member, past president and current board member for the Mississippi Community and Junior College Art Instructors' Association and is a member of several other professional organizations.

In reflecting on his career, Guraedy said the "interaction with students and faculty" is what he will miss most.

"I've had some fun times and enjoyed most every day that I came to teach," Guraedy remarked.

*Bruce Guraedy is shown instructing students in the art lab.*

What's been the biggest challenge for Guraedy during his 33 years in the classroom?

"The biggest challenge," Guraedy stated, "is having students turn out at least college sophomore grade artwork in two years so they can transfer with a junior status to senior institutions."

He noted that "very few" students in the district come to East Central with a background in art instruction.

"Before I took this job, East Central had trouble transferring art credit hours to all senior institutions in this state," Guraedy recalled. "We also had articulation problems and a very limited budget. Thankfully many improvements have been made in the program, one of which is requiring students prepare a portfolio of artwork before they transfer to senior institutions. Now very few East Central students have trouble transferring art credits to senior institutions and several have even received art portfolio scholarships."

Along with the many improvements that have occurred in the art program, Guraedy noted that his teaching methods have also changed.

"Each group of students I've taught came in with difference thought modes," he said. "The field of art is forever changing and you have to change your teaching methodology to communicate with them."

Guraedy said the "most effective" way of teaching students for him is the one-on-one approach, "because I can address their strengths and weaknesses to help them become better artists."

He admits to "losing count" of all the "new" changes in technology regarding classroom instruction in his 33-year career but stated each "change" has its merits. "However," he added, "I do not believe that any one new technology will replace a well-motivated classroom teacher."

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# Kinton Retiring as ECCC English Instructor

A 20-year career in education is coming to a close for Tony Kinton of Carthage, who has served the past nine years as a faculty member at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Kinton began his employment at the College in 1999 as choral music instructor. He also served as director of the Concert Choir and Ac'cents, the College's show choir; and most recently served as a member of the English faculty.

Courses taught include Beginning English, Intermediate English, English Composition and American Literature. He has also served 14 years as a member of the College's adjunct faculty.

In addition, he is a former sponsor of the College yearbook, The Wo-He-Lo, and has served on several campus committees.

He is also a member of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English and holds membership in a number of professional organizations for writers including the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association, the Professional Outdoor Media Association, and the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

In recognition of his service to ECCC, Kinton was named Humanities Instructor of the Year in 2006, and was selected as one the College's Lamplighters in 2003, an annual program that recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Kinton served as English instructor and choir/choral ensemble director at Philadelphia High School. He is also a former adjunct developmental English instructor at Meridian Community College.

In addition, he previously taught junior and high school music at Choctaw Central schools, and is a former minister of music at First Baptist Church in Philadelphia and at Crossgates Baptist Church in Brandon.

He is also a former band/choral director at Leake Academy in Madden.

Regarding his upcoming retirement, Kinton remarked, "I am both excited and hesitant. I have worked since I was 11 years old and have been on a more or less rigid schedule since. Retirement will be a significant departure from what I have known all my life."

In reflecting on his career at East Central, Kinton said it's "the people" that he will miss most, "regardless of their station within the structure."

And what have been the biggest challenges in his career?

"Focus and dedication to the task have been and always will be a challenge," Kinton stated.

Changes in technology have also brought about challenges.

"Technology has played a role in change," Kinton

*Tony Kinton is retiring after 20 years in the classroom.*

commented, "but at the core of teaching is caring and building relationships. These cannot be replaced with equipment."

Kinton added that changes in technology "are inevitable and in many ways beneficial. But if technology is perceived as a replacement for the human spirit and interaction, a tragic loss is the end result."

A career in education was planned early for Kinton, who mentioned several former teachers who influenced his career, including Mildred Ellis, Mildred Lee, Rudolph Mayes and Gerald Claxton.

In addition to his career in education, Kinton is noted as a widely known outdoors writer and photographer, with more than 2100 articles published in numerous publications. He has also written and published four books and has begun work on a fifth book, a Christian novel. He says his primary inspiration and mentor in this field was the late Bruce Brady, a man Kinton said helped him immensely in the early stages of Kinton's magazine writing. "He was," Kinton said, "a true gentleman, a man of great insight and character. I miss him terribly."

Kinton's work as an outdoor writer and photographer has also led to his participation in hunting safaris to various locations in the world, including Africa and four Canadian provinces.

His trophies consist of everything from a 1,440-pound moose to a 20-pound African Steen buck. Kinton said he especially enjoys hunting "the old fashioned way," with a 1770 reproduction flintlock or handmade bow and arrows.

He also enjoys camping, canoeing, fly fishing and reading in his spare time.

His plans for retirement include more writing and working on his tree farm.

In reflecting on his career in education, Kinton said he feels "extremely blessed

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# Boler, Ferguson Named ECCC Instructors of the Year

Tanya Boler of Conehatta and Christy Ferguson of Philadelphia were recently named Academic and Career-Technical Instructors of the Year, respectively, at East Central Community College.

They were honored during the College's annual end-of-the-year faculty luncheon in May.

An English instructor, Boler has been employed at the College since 2002 and teaches English Composition I and II and American Literature I and II. She has also held similar positions at Union and Philadelphia high schools.

When notified of her selection, Boler said she was "honored and humbled" by the distinction.

She said she became a teacher because of her love of writing.

"I chose to be an English teacher because I have always loved to write and I am an obsessive reader. I wanted to somehow pass those skills on to students," Boler said.

The variety of her days is what Boler says she likes most about the field of education.

"I rarely do the same thing two days in a row. I also enjoy knowing that when I do a good job, I am making the world a little better. Someone will be a better teacher, nurse, child care provider or electrician because I have done my best to teach him or her."

A graduate of Union High School, Boler said her own instructors provided much influence on her career.

"Ms. Carol Shackelford (who now serves as chairman of the Communications Division at ECCC), Ms. Lynn Savell and Ms. Billie Freeman at Union High School gave me a wonderful foundation in English and they each encouraged me to express myself in creative writing, journalism and drama.

"I was greatly influenced by Mr. Ovid Vickers and Dr. Richard Etheridge at ECCC. They showed me just how diverse effective instruction could be.

"Dr. Greg Bentley at MSU (Mississippi State University) was the professor who most influenced my graduate studies. He showed me, by example, how to make literature classes relevant and exciting. He was probably the teacher who was most exacting and harshest in the grading of my papers during my entire college career."

Boler added that former ECCC instructor and department chairman Linda Pierce was also her "unofficial" mentor for her entire career.

"She was my student teaching supervisor, my department chair at Newton County High School and my division chair at ECCC for five years. Much of what I know about effective teaching I learned from Linda Pierce. I am quite indebted to her."

Boler has also been honored on various occasions in her career, including being named Star Teacher, the Good Apple Teacher's Award and a Lamplighter honoree, which honors outstanding community and junior college instructors. In addition, she was selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

"I think the years I was honored as Star Teacer and was given the Good Apple Teacher's Award at Philadelphia High School were the most affirming years for me," Boler said. "Star Teacher is chosen by the Star Student and the Good Apple Award is chosen by the teachers. My fellow teachers and my students are the best judges of the quality of my teaching, and to be honored by the people who know what I do every day is rewarding.

*Tanya Boler*

*Christy Ferguson*

"However, as a 2004 Lamplighter honoree, the three-day retreat with all the inspirational activities was just what I needed to be rejuvenated!"

Boler is a 1985 graduate of East Central Community College and received bachelor and master's degrees from Mississippi State University.

She is a member of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English and the National Council of Teachers of English.

Boler and her husband, Ricky, have two children, Corey and Aislin.

Ferguson joined the East Central staff in 1999 and serves as a Business and Office Technology instructor. She teaches courses in medical transcription, machine transcription, microcomputer applications, desktop publishing, integrated computer applications, keyboarding and electronic spreadsheet. She previously served as an adjunct instructor for East Mississippi Community College and is a former business education teacher at Central Academy in Macon.

Upon receiving this honor, Ferguson said, "The Career Technical Division has wonderful instructors and to be selected from that group is an honor. I have never been a person to seek recognition. I have always encouraged the praise of others, so this is a humbling experience for me to receive this award."

The enjoyment of learning new technology helped push Ferguson towards a career in teaching.

"While taking a business and computer technology course in high school, I knew I wanted to work with computers and hopefully encourage others to be successful members of society. I enjoyed learning the new technology and didn't want that feeling to cease," she said.

Ferguson also enjoys the changes that come with each

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day in the classroom.

"Every day is different. Although you teach the same course over and over again, with technology there are so many different ways to incorporate that into the students' everyday lives.

"I also enjoy getting to know my students and see their success stories," she added.

Family members have been the most influential in Ferguson's career.

"My first job was in the same town as where my father worked," Ferguson said. "I had to travel by his place of employment in order to get to work. If I came by late, he would question me at the end of the day. I feel that he gave me a very strong work ethic, not just to do my job, but to do more than what the job requires.

"My husband and my mother were my support system during my years at college. I worked part-time, attended college and had small children. They encouraged me to continue my education.

"Since I've been working at East Central, my family continues to be very supportive."

Ferguson has also received various honors and awards during her career.

As a former advisor for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, she received the Regional Horizon Award in 2003 and the Paragon Award in 2004.

"During the three years that I was a PTK advisor, not only did I receive awards, but our chapter was very successful. Their success was not because of me, but because of the hard work of the officers and members. I was just glad to be a part of their success," Ferguson said.

Ferguson also serves as a co-advisor for Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity and has had numerous students place in state and national competitions.

"Each time I attend the awards ceremony for the state and national conference I am always amazed at the leadership skills our EC students possess. I'm just glad to take part in their success also."

She was selected a Lamplighter in 2006 and has been selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers on three occasions.

In addition, she is a member of National Business Educators Association, Mississippi Business Educators Association, Mississippi Educational Computing Association, American Technical Education Association and the Phi Beta Lambda Professional Division.

A graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, she received the associate of arts degree from East Mississippi Community College and completed bachelor and master's degrees in education from Mississippi State University.

She and her husband, Jerry, have two daughters, Leah and Nicole.

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Guraedy provided an example to prove his point.

"I recently had a student to transfer here from Texas who had taken an online computer course from a Texas university," Guraedy explained. "She enrolled in our Design II course which requires the physical use of real brushes and paint. She had trouble to begin with because in her first course the computer had done all the work and thinking for her when it came to mixing and blending colors. Students first need to learn to paint and brush on their own without utilizing a computer. "

Guraedy said he knew a career in education was in his future when he was a teenager participating in Boy Scout activities.

"I taught first aid at a Boy Scout camp one summer and thoroughly enjoyed it. I knew then that I would pursue teaching as a career," he stated.

And not only did he know that teaching would be his chosen profession, Guraedy said teaching college level students would be his call.

"I had many good professors who in their own way motivated me to become like them," Guraedy recalled. "These professors opened doors in my mind that I haven't closed to this day." And now that his teaching career is winding down, Guraedy said he is "most appreciative" to East Central Community College for hiring him to his first and only teaching job.

"There's no better place to teach than right here at EC," Guraedy stated. "The faculty and students are great."

In appreciation of the "great times" spent at East Central, Guraedy has donated to the College a collection of art works created by him and his students.

"Currently there are more than 100 art works of mine and over 200 student works in various media that were created during a 33-year span. They will be included in the East Central Permanent Art Collection, located in Burton Library. I sincerely hope that this art legacy at East Central Community College will continue for generations to come," Guraedy stated.

In looking toward his retirement, Guraedy said he hopes to spend a lot of time traveling, deer hunting, fishing and gardening. He also hopes to devote much time to his individual art skills. He will be joined in retirement by his wife, Linda, a fifth-grade teacher completing 32 years of service with the Newton County School District.

They have a son, Jason, an engineer with T.A.C. in Austin, Texas. Jason received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Mississippi State University. He is a 2002 graduate of ECCC and a 2000 honor graduate of Newton County High School.

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fortunate" to have been educated at the community college level and to have been an educator at the same level.

A graduate of Carthage High School, Kinton attended ECCC and received a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's of applied music and English from Mississippi College. He has completed additional coursework at MC, Millsaps College, the University of Mississippi and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is married to the former Susan Rogers of Carthage.

# ECCC Staff Additions, Changes

East Central Community College has added several new faces to the staff in recent months and others have changed positions. New staff members and those changing job positions include Brian Anderson, assistant football coach; David Blackledge, physical plant director; Brent Gregory, dislocated worker cooordinator; Chris Harris, director of personnel services/athletic director; Alexei Huguley, culinary arts technology instructor; Kyle James, information technology specialist; Deborah Lucroy, secretary to the physical plant director; Betsy Mann, Dean of Healthcare Education; Jonathan Peeples, Director of Student Life/Recruiter; Paula Russum, associate degree nursing instructor; Christy Savell, associate degree nursing instructor; and Amanda Walton, secretary to the Athletic Director.

*Brian Anderson*

Anderson will serve as the Warriors' offensive coordinator.

He comes to East Central from Grenada High School, where he served as head football coach during the 2007 campaign. He served as head coach at Philadelphia from 2004-07 and served as assistant coach at Meridian High School from 1999-2003. At Meridian, he also served as sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Safety Club. Honors include his selection as Favorite Teacher.

He also coached at Philadelphia from 1997-98, serving as offensive line coach and special teams coordinator in addition to serving as head coach of the eighth and ninth grade teams. He also served as strength coordinator for the high school and junior high teams and was an assistant track and fast-pitch softball coach. He also served as power lifting coach and taught Mississippi studies and health and physical education classes.

Anderson began his coaching career at Neshoba Central High School in 1996, serving as defensive coordinator, strength coordinator and head coach of seventh and eighth grade teams. He was also an assistant basketball coach and physical education teacher.

Anderson was the starting center at Mississippi State University for three seasons and participated in three bowl games. He earned All Southeastern Conference honors his junior and senior campaigns and made the All SEC Academic Team for three seasons. In addition, he received the CommuniGroup Offensive Lineman of the Year award a record three times. He was selected to the Blue-Gray All-Star Game, the East-West Shrine All-Star Game and to the NFL Combine in 1996.

He was a President's and Dean's list scholar at MSU, where he received a bachelor's degree in teaching and coaching in 1995.

Anderson is also a former standout at Prattville (Ala.) High School.

He is married to the former LeaAnn Allen of Philadelphia, an ECCC graduate, and they have two children, Brady and Eli.

Blackledge was previously employed with Southern Pine Electric Power Association, where he served as Newton District Engineer/Supervisor.

*David Blackledge*

He is also former Research and Development Engineer with Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula and served as electrical engineering assistant for the Mississippi State University High Voltage Laboratory in Starkville. In all, has more than 25 years experience in the electrical field, which includes four years service in the U.S. Navy.

A graduate of Pearl High School, Blackledge attended Pensacola Junior College and Hinds Junior College in Raymond prior to receiving a bachelor's degree in engineering from MSU.

He is married to the former Rachel A. Muckelrath of Raleigh and they have a seven-year-old daughter, Weslie Ann.

Gregory previously served the College as director of student life/recruiter, a position he held since 2001. He began his employment at ECCC in 2000 as men's dormitory supervisor and activity and fitness center director.

*Brent Gregory*

Gregory is a former coach and teacher at Nanih Waiya High School and Bogue Chitto Middle School.

A graduate of Nanih Waiya High School and ECCC, Gregory holds a bachelor's degree in physical education and master's in workforce training development, both from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is married to the former Christi Lee of Philadelphia, who serves as ECCC's career-technical counselor. They have two daughters, McKinley and Mary Lee. The family resides in Decatur.

Harris, who has served as the College's work-based learning coordinator since 2004, will assume his new duties on July 1, 2008.

*Chris Harris*

In the dual role, Harris will be responsible for all professional and staff personnel issues related to employment at the College while also being responsible for coordinating activities of the inter-collegiate sports program. He will also continue functions related to his position as work-based learning coordinator.

Harris has a lengthy resume of experience in administration and athletics. He previously served as human resource manager and assistant manager for 16 years at La-Z-Boy South, Inc. in Newton. He is also a former high school principal and guidance counselor at Newton and previously served as an assistant principal, coach, teacher and counselor at

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Decatur High School.

He is a member of Clarke Venable Baptist Church, where he currently serves as a deacon. He is also a member of the Decatur Lions Club and previously served as president and vice president. He is former member of Newton Rotary Club, where he also served as president and vice president.

Harris is a graduate of Decatur High School, ECCC and Mississippi State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in educational psychology and a master's degree in counseling and administration.

He is married to the former Pam Reeves of Decatur. They have three children: Kelli, 26; Krissi, 24; and Cole, 16.

Huguley previously served as a media associate for distance learning at the University of Alabama. She has also held positions in the food industry, mostly in the Starkville-Columbus area.

*Alexei Huguley*

A graduate of Starkville Academy, Huguley holds a bachelor's degree in culinary arts with a business minor from Mississippi University for Women and has a master's degree in human environmental science – with concentration in restaurant and hospitality management – from the University of Alabama.

She has two sons, Hunter, 16, and Chase Huguley, 12.

James is responsible for computer technology needs at the College's Productivity Enhancement Lab located at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Career-Technical Center.

*Kyle James*

He previously served as network specialist/cabling specialist at Trustmark National Bank in Jackson. He also has additional networking experience with two other Jackson-area companies.

A graduate of Newton (Kansas) High School, James holds an associate's degree in computer networking from ECCC and has completed additional coursework at Holmes Community College. He also holds Network-plus certification and is in the process of completing CCNA and A+ certification.

James is also a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard and serves as staff sergeant of HHC 223rd Engineering Battalion in West Point.

He is married to the former Sara Waltman of Philadelphia.

Lucroy, a Decatur resident, was previously employed as financial assistant at Mississippi Primary Health Care Association in Newton, a position she held for the past six years.

*Deborah Lucroy*

She is a 1972 graduate of Neshoba Central High School and received an associate's degree from ECCC in 2001.

She is married to Roy N. Lucroy and they have a daughter, Miranda Whittle of Philadelphia, and three grandchildren.

They attend Pine Grove Church of God.

Mann has previously served as a member of the College's associate degree nursing faculty since 2002 and is now responsible for all of ECCC's health-related programs, which in addition to the ADN program includes practical nursing, surgical technology, emergency medical technology and healthcare assistant program.

*Betsy Mann*

Mann is involved in several professional nursing associations and currently serves as the College's ambassador to the National League of Nursing. She is also District 15 immediate past president of the Mississippi Nurses' Association.

In addition, she holds membership in the American Nurses' Association, the National Organization of Associate Degree Nursing, the Mississippi Organization of Associate Degree Nursing, and Theta Beta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Mann is also a Certified Nurse Educator through the National League for Nursing.

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Mann holds an associate's degree in nursing from Meridian Community College and received bachelor and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

She is married to Dr. John Mann and they reside in Philadelphia.

Peeples is responsible for security concerns on campus in addition to matters related to dormitory life.

*Jonathan Peeples*

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Peeples was employed as an extension associate for the Mississippi State University Extension Service in Starkville.

He is an ordained minister and previously served as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church. He is also a former youth director at Murphy Creek Baptist Church in Louisville.

Peeples also has extensive experience in law enforcement, mostly with the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. He also served as a part-time deputy for the Winston County Sherriff's Department and is a former police officer for the Town of Ackerman. He began his a career as a security guard for Sentinel Security Services on the University of Mississippi campus in Oxford.

Peeples is an accomplished marksman and has won numerous awards in competition. He is also a certified instructor in various firearms and archery.

He is a 1989 graduate of Ackerman High School and attended Wood Junior College in Mathiston from 1989-91. He received a bachelor of public administration degree –with emphasis in criminal justice – from the University of Mississippi in 1993. He

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## Thames Honored In ECCC Resolution

A resolution honoring the memory of Bill Thames of Newton and a plaque of appreciation for his service as a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees were presented to family members during the Board's March 11 luncheon/meeting held on the Decatur campus. Thames, a longtime civic and community leader, had accumulated 11 years service on the ECCC Board when he passed away on December 26, 2007. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (second from left) is shown presenting the resolution to Thames's widow, Bett Thames; son, Kirk Thames ; granddaughter Charlotte Vitolo; and brother, Reggie Thames and his wife Mamie. Also shown is Board of Trustees Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia.

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has also completed a 10-week law enforcement training program at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy and a five-week advance basic training course at the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

He is married to the former Bridgett Joiner of Louisville. They have a three-year-old son, Levi.

*Paula Russum*

Russum previously served as director of the Geriatric Psychiatric Inpatient Program at Scott Regional Hospital in Morton. She is also a former adjunct clinical instructor at ECCC.

In all, she has 20 years nursing experience in North Carolina and Mississippi, working in areas including direct patient care, grant writing, clinical research and administration. She has also served as a medical missionary in Guatemala, Central America.

Her community activities include serving as pianist at Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Sylvarena.

A graduate of Raleigh High School, Russum received bachelor degrees in physical education and nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi, and earned a master's degree in nursing from the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

She has two children, Garrett, 13 and Rachel Hope, five.

Russum is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John B. Russum of Burns.

*Christy Savell*

Savell, who was previously employed at the College from July 2003 to July 2007, rejoins the ADN faculty after serving as a staff nurse in the Cardiovascular Recovery Unit at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian.

She is also former practical nursing instructor at Meridian Community College. She was earlier employed at healthcare facilities in Jackson, Collinsville, Meridian and Union. In all, she has 18 years of experience in the nursing field.

Savell is a member of the American and Mississippi Nurses' Associations. She is also a member of Sigma Theta Tau International and Phi Kappa Phi honorary nursing societies.

The Beulah Hubbard Attendance Center graduate received an associate's degree in nursing from Meridian Community College, and earned bachelor and master's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to David Savell and they have a son, Cody McMahan, and a daughter, Sydni Savell, both students in the Newton County School System.

*Amanda Walton*

Walton previously served as secretary to the Dean of Adult and Continuing since October 2007. She begins her new duties on July 1, 2008.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Walton was employed for seven years as customer service representative at Community Bank in Forest.

A graduate of Lake High School, Walton holds an Associate in Arts degree from ECCC. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in education from Mississippi State University.

She is married to Rodney Walton and they have an infant daughter, Madalyn.

They attend Pine Ridge Baptist Church in Lawrence.





## Ladner Joins ECCC Board

Monte Ladner (center) of Carthage was welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees at the group's February meeting. Ladner, shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, joins the Board following his election as Leake County Superintendent of Schools. Prior to taking office, Ladner served as Director of Vocational-Technical Education for Leake County for 17 years. He was recognized as Mississippi Secondary Vocational-Technical Administrator of the Year in 2005. Ladner is also an award-winning agriculture teacher and Future Farmers of American adviser at Carthage High School, where he served for more than 20 years. Ladner is a former president of the Mississippi Agriculture Teachers' Association and received the organization's teacher of the year award. He is also a former Leake County Teacher of the Year. He is a graduate of Poplarville High School, attended Pearl River Community College, and received bachelor's, master's and education specialist degrees from Mississippi State University. He and his wife Mary Lou Ladner have two grown children, Lela Ladner Hester of Madison and Damon Ladner of New Albany, and two grandchildren.

## Lucas Joins ECCC Board

Van Lucas (center) of Newton was welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees at the group's February meeting. Lucas, shown with ECCC Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, was appointed to the Board to complete the unexpired term of Bill Thames of Newton, who died in December. Lucas is a longtime employee of Newton County Bank, currently serving as senior vice president, board treasurer and branch manager of the Scanlan Street office. He is also an award-winning sports columnist with The Newton Record. Lucas is also active in various city, county and school activities. He is a graduate of Newton High School, ECCC and the University of Mississippi. He is also a graduate of The Banking School of the South at Louisiana State University, and Essentials of Marketing at the University of Colorado. He is married to ECCC alumnus Kay Fulton of Philadelphia and they have three grown children: Dr. Al Lucas, Dr. Jon Lucas and Mrs. Chad (Leigh) Gilliand, and four grandchildren.

## ECCC Board of Trustees Leaders

Recently re-elected to two-year terms as officers of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees are (from left) Prentice Coleman, chairman, of Philadelphia; Jack Winstead, vice chairman, of Lawrence; and Royce Shaw, secretary, of Forest. Copeland is beginning his seventh two-year term as chairman and Winstead is in his fifth term as vice chairman. Shaw begins his third term as secretary. The elections were held during the December 2007 meeting.

## Former ECCC Trustees Honored

Former East Central Community College Board of Trustees members Melanie Hartley (second from left) of Carthage and Ken Pouncey (third from left) were recently presented plaques of appreciation for their years of service. Hartley spent six years and nine months on the Board while serving as Leake County Superintendent of Education. Pouncey logged three years of service, 1984-85, 1988 and 2006-07. He first served on the Board during his term as Newton County Superintendent of Education. Making the presentations were ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left) and Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia.

## Ross Joins ECCC Board

Pat Ross (middle), Newton County Superintendent of Education, was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Ross, shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, served as principal of Northwest Junior High School in Meridian prior to assuming his new duties in January 2008. Ross is also a former assistant principal at Northwest and Meridian High School. In addition, he is a former teacher and coach and received various honors in both capacities. A Vicksburg native, Ross holds a bachelor's degree in education from Mississippi College and received a master's in education from the University of West Alabama. He is also a graduate of the Education Policy Fellowship Program, a national program designed to develop public policy in education. He and his wife, Suzanne, live in Hickory and they have three children, Patrick, 11; Westbrooks, seven; and Hampton, three.

## Outstanding ECCC Instructors

These East Central Community College faculty members were selected to participate in the annual Lamplighter Conference, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. From left are Peggy Clayton (chemistry) of Meridian, John Everett (electrical technology) of Decatur, Debbie Boyd (English) and Wendy Moore (associate degree nursing), both of Meridian; and Sue Ford (mathematics) of Hickory. This year's conference was hosted by Meridian Community College. (Photo courtesy MCC Public Information Office)

## Rush Contribution Aids ECCC Healthcare Education Programs

East Central Community College's Healthcare Education programs have received state-of-the-art instructional equipment thanks to a generous contribution from Rush Health Systems. Rush provided funds for ECCC to purchase a "SIM Man," a simulation device used to enhance clinical experiences. Betsy Mann, dean of ECCC's healthcare division, said the "SIM Man" actually responds to ailments and treatments similar to a real patient, "which provides a great learning experience for our students." ECCC recently held an appreciation luncheon for Rush officials on the Decatur campus followed by a demonstration of the instructional equipment in the Associate Degree Nursing skills lab. Pictured from left are Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; Rush Health Systems representatives Scott Vincent, Donnie Smith, Nina Dusuang and David Bonner; first-year ADN students Tiffanie Credille of Union, Kemyatta Qualls of Forest and Rebecca Wilbanks of Carthage; Betsy Mann; second-year ADN student Stephanie Reeves of Preston; and nursing instructor/SIM Man operator Brenda Kirby.

# ECCC Staffers Honored for Service

East Central Community College recently honored staff members with 20-22 years of service during the annual "Appreciation Tea."From left are Fredrick Lyons of Decatur, carpentry/cabinetmaking instructor and assistant football coach, 20 years; Kathy George, also of Decatur, early childhood education instructor, 22 years; Polly Mayes of Newton, drafting and design technology instructor, 21 years; and Bubby Johnston of Forest, vice president for public information, 21 years. Also honored but not pictured is Burma Weidler of Decatur, assistant to the director of financial aid, 20 years service. The annual event is sponsored by the Administration, Faculty, Staff Association (AFSA).

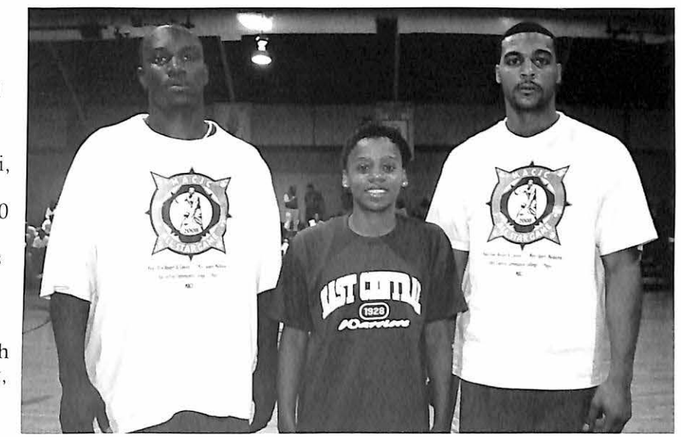
# Administrative Professionals Honored

An appreciation luncheon was recently held in honor of administrative professionals at East Central Community College in observance of "Administrative Professionals Week" April 21-25. Staff members with 10-plus years of service were also presented certificates of appreciation. Honorees, their current departments and respective years of service include (seated from left) Emilee Smith of Decatur, workforce development, 11 years; Linda McKee of Conehatta, career-technical education, 13 years; Sheila Stamper of Decatur, business office, 18 years; and Martha Sibley on Newton, financial aid, 12 years; and (standing from left) Virgie Thames of Louin, small business development center, 13 years; Kathy Purser of Philadelphia, associate degree nursing, 13 years; Karen Yates of Decatur, public information, 13 years; Carrie Underwood of Decatur, athletics, 12 years; Carole Germany of Union, president's office, 13 years; and Jeanne Vance of Decatur, communications, 11 years. Also pictured is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin who made the presentations.

# ECCC Expo Participants

Forest residents Jimmy Easterling (left) and Terri Smith receive information on services provided by Hilltop Manor in Union, one of the 50-plus vendors participating in the Business, Education and Healthcare Expo held April 3 at East Central Community College. Representing Hilltop Manor are Kim Smith (third from left), director of nurses, and Alethia Hitt Pace, marketing coordinator. The annual event attracted approximately 300 ECCC students and numerous visitors from off-campus.

# ECCC All-Stars



Representing East Central Community College in the annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) All-Star Basketball Games were (from left) Darron Maxtion of Ardmore, Ala.; Tanesha Brown of Jackson; and Mark Wilson of Delhi, La. Brown, a 5-6 guard from Jackson Provine, scored 11 points and helped lead the South women to an 82-70 win over the North All-Stars. Maxtion, a 6-5 forward from Sparkman (Ala.) High School, tallied eight points and Wilson, a 6-6 forward from Delhi (La.) High School, pumped in 16 points in the South's 108-106 overtime victory over the North. The All-Star competition was held Tuesday, April 1 at Choctaw Central High School in Choctaw. Sponsors are the Pearl River Resort, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Pepsi, Mississippi Sports Medicine and East Central Community College.

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## Award-Winning ECCC Phi Beta Lambda Students

East Central Community College students took top honors in numerous categories at the State Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference held recently in Tupelo. East Central placed first in 11 events, finished second in five categories, had four third-place award winners and posted six fourth-place finishes. Theta Chi chapter was also selected as one of two Gold Seal Chapters in Mississippi and was recognized as a Foundation member. In addition, the ECCC chapter placed second in raising funds for the March of Dimes. The award-winning students include (seated from left) Angela Valentine of Hickory, first place, Community Service Project and fourth, Marketing Analysis and Decision Making; Leslie Hollingsworth of Forest, first place, Community Service Project; Brooke Barrett of Sebastopol, first, Partnership with Business Project and third, Financial Concepts; Brookes Mayes of Newton, first, Small Business Management Plan; third, Future Business Teacher; state recipient of the prestigious Rufus T. Jones Scholarship and Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda; Carlos Rice of Louisville, first place in Parliamentary Procedure and Small Business Plan; Josh Dickerson of Union, first in Parliamentary Procedure and Small Business Management and was elected State Parliamentarian; Drew Harrison of Little Rock, first, Parliamentary Procedures; Leslie Nash of Union, first in Parliamentary Procedure and Local Chapter Business Report, and selected for Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda; and Laura Pearson of Louisville, first in Human Resource Management and Parliamentary Procedure; and (standing from left) Shaun Cooper of Decatur, first in Computer Applications and Word Processing; William Cumberland of Philadelphia, first, Computer Concepts and second, Network Design; Evan Summers-Jones of Walnut Grove, second, Network Design; Jonathan Federick of Hickory, second, Statistical Analysis and third, Client Service; Brett Latimer of Philadelphia, second, Telecommunications and fourth, Networking Concepts; Dollye Packer of Lake, second, E-business and fourth, Job Interview; and Dexter McDonald of Jackson, first in Human Resource Management and Sports Management and Marketing. Not pictured are Sabra Fortenberry of Union, first, American Enterprise Project and second, E-business; Britni Wright of Louisville, second, Financial Concepts and fourth, Desktop Publishing; Delynn Agee of Choctaw, third, Justice Administration and fourth, Desktop Publishing; Tyrell Satcher of Pachuta, fourth in Information Management and Justice Administration; and Terry Smith of Louisville, selected Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda. Seventeen students qualify for the National Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference scheduled June 21-24 in Atlanta. Phi Beta Lambda is the premier Business Education Association preparing students for careers in business and success in life. Its purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general.

## 2008 Warrior Football Schedule

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| Thursday, August 28 | Coahoma | Clarksdale | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, September 4 | Holmes | Decatur | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, September 11 | Hinds | Decatur | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, September 18 | Jones | Ellisville | 7:00 p.m. |
| *Saturday, September 27 | Southwest (HC) | Decatur | 2:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 2 | Northeast | Booneville | 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, October 11 | Gulf Coast | Perkinston | 3:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 16 | Co-Lin | Decatur | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 23 | Pearl River | Poplarville | 7:00 p.m. |

## Dickerson Receives State Honor

Josh Dickerson (right) of Union, a freshman at East Central Community College in Decatur, will serve as Phi Beta Lambda State Parliamentarian for 2008-09. Dickerson was appointed to the position after scoring the highest mark on the Parliamentary Procedure Test at the organization's state conference held recently in Tupelo. Dickerson also received various awards at state competition and will compete with numerous other ECCC students at the National PBL Leadership Conference scheduled June 21-24 in Atlanta. Also pictured is ECCC sophomore Terry Smith of Louisville, who served this past year at PBL State Parliamentarian. Smith represented the state chapter at conferences in Chicago, Birmingham, Meridian, and most recently at the state meeting in Tupelo. Smith was also honored at the state conference with his selection to Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda. Phi Beta Lambda is the premier Business Education Organization preparing students for careers in business and success in life. Its purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general.

## Receives Prestigious Scholarship

East Central Community College sophomore Brookes Mayes of Newton was presented the Rufus T. Jones Scholarship at the annual State Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference held in Tupelo. Mayes is the lone PBL member in the state to receive the award, which was established to recognize Jones' years of outstanding service and dedication to Mississippi Future Business Leaders of America and Phi Beta Lambda. The scholarship is presented yearly to one PBL member who has shown dedication to FBLA/PBL through outstanding service and leadership. Mayes also received various awards at the state competition and will compete with other ECCC students at the National PBL Leadership Conference June 21-24 in Atlanta. better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general.

## Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda

These East Central Community College students were recently named to Who's Who In Phi Beta Lambda and were recognized at the organization's State Leadership Conference held in Tupelo. From left are Leslie Nash of Union, Terry Smith of Louisville and Brooks Mayes of Newton. Phi Beta Lambda is the premier Business Education Organization preparing students for careers in business and success in life. Its purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general.

# Walters, Gaines Named Mr., Miss East Central

Tyler Walters, a graduate of Forest High School, and Julie Gaines, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, were selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College following elections held this spring.

Walters, a secondary education major, is the son of Roger and Lisa Walters of Forest.

He is a member of the Warrior tennis team and is actively involved in intramural sports. He was a member of the Warrior football team his freshman year.

A Dean's List scholar, Walters is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college.

He has also earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in scouting.

Gaines, a physical therapy major, is the daughter of Keith and Rita Gaines of Philadelphia.

She serves as secretary of the Student Body Association and is a member of the Warrior Corps, Baptist Student Union, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and The Tom Tom student newspaper staff. She also served as president of her freshman class.

In addition, she is a member of the Lady Warrior tennis team and participates in intramural sports. A President's List Scholar she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges.

## *ECCC Hall of Fame*

East Central Community College recently announced inductees to the 2008 Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College. They include (seated, from left) Ashley Henley of Hickory and Beth Alexander of Little Rock; and (standing, from left) Julie Gaines of Philadelphia, Jonathan Jackson and Noah Cook, both of Hickory and Dru Anderson of Decatur. The honorees were announced during Awards Day activities held May 1 in Huff Auditorium. Their photos will hang in the Hall of Fame Collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.





# ECCC Students Selected for All-Mississippi Academic Teams

East Central Community College sophomores Beth Alexander of Little Rock and Jonathan Jackson of Hickory were recently named to the 2008 All-Mississippi Academic Teams and were honored along with other outstanding community and junior college students during special activities held in Jackson.

Alexander, a communications major, was among 15 students named to the First Team and will receive a $1000 stipend.

"By being named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team and having earned membership in Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, many of these students will receive substantial scholarship offers to attend four-year colleges and universities in Mississippi and across the nation," said Rod A. Risley, executive director of the Jackson-based honor society, which serves as a co-sponsor of the annual program.

"Research suggests that these students' level of academic achievement at the four-year college will equal, if not excel, that earned while attending their community/junior colleges," Risley added.

As a First Team member, Alexander competed for placement on the national All-USA Academic Team for Community and Junior Colleges, sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges. She received Third Team recognition.

Alexander is also being honored for her selection as a

*Beth Alexander*

*Jonathan Jackson*

New Century Scholar for achieving the highest score among Mississippi students in the All-USA Academic Team competition. The New Century Scholars Program is an extension of the All-USA Academic Team and provides a $2000 stipend funded by the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

As a New Century Scholar, Alexander represented all Mississippi community and junior college students at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 5-7.

Alexander serves as president of ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and is involved in various campus activities, including the ECCC Players, EC Environment Club, Baptist Student Union, Concert Choir, Scholars Bowl Team and Warrior Corps.

The President's List Scholar also serves as secretary of the President's Council and received the Scholars Bowl and ECCC Players awards. She was named to the 2008 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges.

A home school graduate, she is the daughter of George and Cindy Alexander of Little Rock.

Alexander's career goal is to be a broadcast journalist.

Jackson, a liberal arts major, was named to the Second Team.

Jackson is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Wall O' Sound Marching Band, Concert Band, Mu Alpha Theta, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Warrior Corps and Wesley Foundation.

A President's List Scholar, Jackson serves as co-chair for membership for Theta Xi and was selected for the Mississippi Community College All-State Band.

He is the son of Rita Jackson.

The All-Mississippi Academic Team program is coordinated by The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

All-Mississippi Academic Team members were selected following several rounds of judging. Serving as judges were education and business leaders from the Metro-Jackson area and a distinguished panel of representatives from federal agencies and national education associations based in Washington, D.C.

Twenty students named to the national All-USA First Team were featured in the April 7 issue of USA Today. This year, nearly 1,600 nominations were received from the All-USA Academic Team competition.

Mississippi ranks in the top six states in the nation having students named to the national All-USA Academic First, Second and Third teams.

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# ECCC Students Winning State SkillsUSA Honors

Numerous students representing East Central Community College in Decatur won honors at the annual Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships held recently at Hinds Community College in Raymond. Honorees include (first row, from left) Crystal McGee of Philadelphia, Brandi Carter of Louisville and Krystle Walker of Newton, first-place winners in Occupational Health Safety Single; and Melysheaco Savior of Louisville, third, Job Skills Demonstration Open; (second row, from left) Jackie Poole of Union and Kayla Crane of Morton, third-place winners in Promotional Bulletin Board; Travis Jordan of Pelahatchie, first place, Collision Repair Technology; and Clint Allen of Philadelphia, second, CNC Milling Technology; and (third row, from left) Courtney Stingley of Forest, third, Cosmetology; James Johnson of Madden, first, Residential Wiring; Ian Whitney of Louisville, third, Architectural Drafting; and Shane Robertson of Philadelphia, second, Technical Drafting. The first-place winners will represent Mississippi at the National Skills Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, June 23-27.

# EC Receives Book Authored By Alumnus

East Central Community College staff member Lucille Wood (left) presents the latest work by her classmate and noted author Warren Trest of Montgomery, Ala., to librarians Gloria Johnson (center) and Gail Wood during a presentation in the College's Memorabilia Room located in Burton Library on the Decatur campus. The recently published book, Nobody But the People, is a biography of former Alabama Governor John Patterson and his efforts in leading the state through the turbulent early years of the Civil Rights movement. Trest, a Louisville native and 1952 ECCC graduate, has authored and coauthored more than 50 military histories and studies. In 2000, his book Air Commando One: Heinie Aderolt and America's Secret Air Wars was nominated for the Bancroft Prize for distinguished works in American history. Another work titled Air Force Roles and Missions: A History, was on the U.S. Air Force chief of staff's reading list for 2007. Other recent books include Wings of Denial: The Alabama Air Guard's Role in the Bay of Pigs, coauthored with Don Dodd, professor emeritus at Auburn University-Montgomery, and Missing in Paradise, both from New South Books. Trest is a former historian with United States Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.





# Clayton, Lawrence Named HEADWAE Honorees

*Peggy Clayton (left) and Debbie Lawrence are this year's HEADWAE honorees representing East Central Community College in Decatur. The annual observance recognizes the state's outstanding faculty members and students in higher education. Clayton, a Meridian resident, is a chemistry instructor. Lawrence, a nontraditional student residing in Kosciusko, is a pre-nursing major.*

Chemistry instructor Peggy Clayton and sophomore pre-nursing major Debbie Lawrence of Kosciusko were named East Central Community College's HEADWAE Instructor and Student of the Year, respectively, for 2007-08.

They were honored with other outstanding college faculty members and students at the annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) luncheon held Tuesday, February 19, 2008, in Jackson. The program began at the State Capitol followed by the Awards Luncheon at at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Jackson.

The annual observance was established by the Mississippi Legislature to honor the academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.

Clayton began her employment at ECCC in August 2004 after serving the previous 20 years as a science teacher on the high school level, most recently at Southeast Lauderdale High School in Meridian. She is also a former faculty member at Northeast Lauderdale in Meridian, Enterprise and Utica schools. In addition, she is a former adjunct chemistry and physical science instructor at Meridian Community College.

She received numerous honors during her high school teaching career, including her induction into the Mississippi Economic Council STAR Teacher Hall of Fame, awarded to recipients of STAR Teacher honors for the tenth year; Mississippi Science Olympiad Outstanding Coach; Mississippi Association of Physicists Outstanding Teacher; and American Chemical Society Outstanding Teacher for Mississippi.

This past summer Clayton served as an instructor for the Mississippi Mathematics and Science Partnerships Program, working with teachers from nearby school systems in a four-week workshop which emphasized fundamental concepts and inquiry learning. She also helped develop materials which are used to instruct elementary and secondary teachers who are seeking to become highly qualified in physical science.

In addition to her classroom teaching activities, Clayton has made several presentations at professional workshops in connection with her work with the Education Division of the American Chemical Society. She is also a member of several science-related professional organizations.

A graduate of Lamar School in Meridian, Clayton holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Millsaps College and a master's of education from Mississippi State University. She has completed additional class work at the University of Alabama and University of Southern Mississippi. In addition, she has received certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

She and her husband, Tom, a retired educator and administrator, reside in Meridian where they are members and Sunday school teachers at Highland Baptist Church. They have three grown sons and three grandchildren.

Lawrence, a 46-year-old nontraditional student, is a President's List Scholar with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, an organization for students interested in medical careers. She was named to Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges.

She is a member of the Zama Volunteer Fire Department and Safe Harbor United Methodist Church in Moss Point.

She is a graduate of Ethel High School.

Lawrence has three daughters, Amy French of Moss Point; Merrianne Donley of Surprise, Arizona; and Kimberly Lawrence of Philadelphia. She also has two grandchildren.

Lawrence is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Lawrence of the Zama community.

# Henton Thornton: More Than A Night Watchman

by Ovid Vickers

By the mid 1950s, for insurance purposes and because college enrollment had shown a considerable increase, East Central employed Mr. Henton Thornton to serve as a fulltime campus night watchman. Mr. Thornton became a familiar figure around campus, and as time passed he became much more than a night watchman.

Throughout history, college students have been known to engage in questionable activities. For this reason, Mr. Thornton was deputized and given full authority to cope with any problem requiring the services of an officer of the law.

Along with his duties as night watchman, Mr. Thornton was assigned, or embraced, many additional duties which he carried out each night. He always stayed, weather permitting, in a conspicuous place on the campus. As dusk fell, he could be found on his favorite stone bench located near a goldfish pool located in the front campus where the Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building now stands.

From time to time, he would leave his bench to make his campus rounds and punch a night watchman's clock which he carried in a leather case slung over his shoulder. At that time, the college consisted of a line of buildings stretching from Newton Hall to Todd Hall. The football field was located where the Bradford Tucker Vocational Building now stands while Winston Hall, and the college apartments stretched along the western edge of the campus.

The five "clock punch stations" were located in the boiler room of old Newton Hall, under the open passage in front of the old gymnasium (which has now been closed), at the cafeteria, the underpass and in the lobby of Winston Hall. These stations allowed Mr. Thornton to check on all areas of the campus on a regular basis.

During his rounds, he always walked through the library (which was located in Newton Hall) and also through the Student Center where he might stop for a chat with a group of students or a faculty member.

Fifty or sixty years ago, college students were more prone to playing pranks than they are today. Mr. Thornton always enjoyed telling about the night he discovered several boys attempting to carry a bull calf up the stairs in old Neshoba Hall to the third floor porch above the front entrance.

When some students placed a grown opossum in a room in Scott Hall, Mr. Thornton was called to help pull the "sulled" and frightened 'possum from under a student's bed. Mr. Thornton knew when a scream was emitted from a dormitory room that a student had placed a frog under the pillow of his roommate's bed.

During the 1950s, the college had very strict rules about what students could and could not do. Girls were permitted to date one night each week. Couples were chaperoned by a faculty member to the local picture show. Females could not wear shorts on campus; neither could they ride in cars. Girls also were required to sign in and out of the dormitory even if they were going to the library to study.

Although females were required to attend physical education classes wearing shorts, they were required to wear a raincoat over the shorts to the gymnasium. Lights were out by ten o'clock, and smoking was forbidden unless a signed permit from parents was on file in the matron's office.

Other than watching for fires, Mr. Thornton's greatest responsibility was to keep close watch on moonstruck couples who were inclined to meet in any secluded place or sit in a parked car on campus.

Male students enjoyed a greater freedom than girls, and there were fewer rules governing their conduct. Although boys were less supervised, Mr. Thornton was always on the alert for those who would let the air out of their fellow students' car tires. Male students would, sometimes but not often, get into arguments which might lead to fighting. Mr. Thornton stepped in, when necessary, and stopped the fighting as well as hunting down those who shot fire crackers on campus or threw cherry bombs into the commodes in the dormitories.

Since the days when coeducation was first introduced in colleges, boys have attempted to sneak into dormitories occupied by the fairer sex. At one point, chains were placed across the streets leading to the girls' dormitories at East Central with the unrealistic expectation that this would deter boys from visiting the dorms late at night.

Mr. Thornton kept an eagle eye on the girls' dormitories. If a girl attempted to slip into the dorm "after

*Henton Thornton*

hours," Mr. Thornton would escort her to the door, let her into the lobby, call the housemother, and then return to his favorite bench on the front campus. Boys caught sneaking around the girls' dormitories after hours could be sent home.

Mr. Henton Thornton was not a member of the faculty or an administrator, but he enjoyed a unique position on the East Central campus. He was, indeed, much more than a night watchman. He was a sympathetic, understanding and kind man. If a student had a problem, he would often seek Mr. Thornton's counsel and guidance.

There is no way of knowing how many students Mr. Thornton helped by simply lending a sympathetic ear as a student explained a problem he was having with his girlfriend, his family, his studies, or his finances.

Former students all across the country remember when the security force at East Central consisted of one man who did no wear a uniform or have a college car to patrol the campus.

Mr. Thornton was a disciplinarian, a confidant, a surrogate parent, and a greatly respected individual on the East Central campus.





# *Riley Receives Coach of the Year Honors After Leading Provide to Championship Season*

Championship titles are becoming routine events for East Central Community College alumnus Luther Riley who received Coach of the Year honors by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger after leading his Provine Rams to a second-straight state Class 5A title and their first Grand Slam title.

The state title was the fourth for Riley since taking over the Provine program in 1999. He became only the sixth MHSAA boys' coach to win four state championships as the Rams, who finished 30-7, achieved the first Class 5A repeat since 1997.

Riley, 35, a former ECCC assistant basketball coach and 1992 graduate, is 216-86 at Provine, where he also received Coach of the Year honors in 2003 and 2004. In a recent article in The Clarion-Ledger, Riley recalled how Provine principal Tex Red, Jr. "took a chance" on him nine years ago.

"I didn't have a lot of experience or a big name, but I had a hunger to coach," Riley stated in the article by sportswriter Bill Spencer. "I just made the best of the opportunity. I've been fortunate. I have to give credit to the administration, my parents, my family, all the fans at Provine and the people who stood behind me."

Success just seems to follow Riley, who played on championship squads on the high school and college levels.

He starred on South Leake's 2A state championship squad in 1990, leading the Wildcats to a 34-3 record. Riley continued his playing career at ECCC under former men's head basketball coach Jay Bowen. Bowen left EC after Riley's freshman year and Marty Cooper was named his successor. The Warriors won the MACJC South Division Tournament during Riley's sophomore season and reached the semifinals of the Region 23 Tournament, finishing with a 28-5 record.

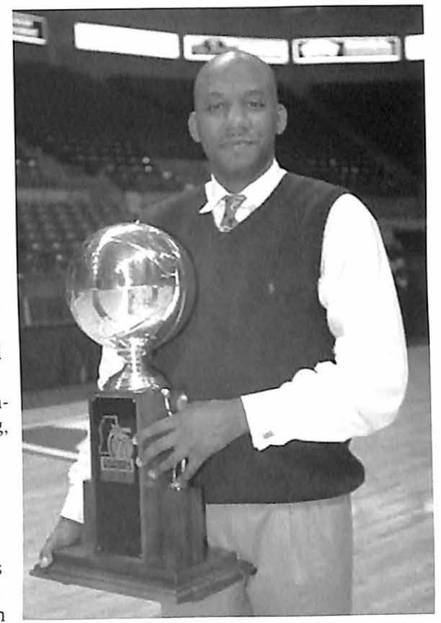
*"I guess I have found my niche as a coach. "I'm one of the lucky ones who really enjoys what he's doing for a living. And I owe a lot of my success to the education and work experience received at East Central Community College."*

Riley, who averaged about 12 points and seven assists as a Warrior, continued his athletic career at Mississippi Valley State University. The point guard helped lead the Delta Devils to winning seasons both years and the squad was narrowly defeated in the championship game his senior campaign.

Riley began his coaching career in 1996 as a two-year assistant under Dave Whitney at Alcorn State University and then returned to ECCC as an assistant in 1998-99 during Bowen's second tenure as Warrior head coach.

Riley said he learned a lot during that one year on Bowen's staff.

"I really did it all for Coach Bowen," stated Riley, whose duties included recruiting, on-the-floor coaching, scheduling, budgeting and anything else required. "He allowed me to work in all areas, which was very beneficial to me. We even shared the same office!"



*ECCC alumnus Luther Riley was named The Clarion-Ledger's Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year after guiding his Provine Rams to the 5A state title and their first grand slam championship. Riley's Provine squads have now won four state titles during his nine years at the helm.*

When Riley came to East Central, he had just finished graduate school. He noted that it was while serving as Bowen's assistant did the opportunity present itself for the Provine position.

"I made a lot of contacts through recruiting and with our basketball camps," Riley stated. "In fact, a person I met at one of our campus helped me get the job at Provine. EC had done a lot for me, not only in providing a good education and recruiting me to play basketball, but also by giving me the opportunity to coach."

Riley has obviously come a long way since serving as a graduate assistant on the community and junior college level. He is being mentioned as a possible candidate for several Division I coaching jobs at this writing. No matter how much success he achieves, Riley said he will always be grateful to his alma mater.

"I guess I have found my niche as a coach," Riley said. "I'm one of the lucky ones who really enjoys what he's doing for a living. And I owe a lot of my success to the education and work experience received at East Central Community College."

# Efforts Underway to Fund "Bubba" Smith Memorial Scholarship

Fundraising efforts are underway to help fund a scholarship recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur in memory of a Newton County resident killed during the Vietnam Conflict.

The Willis W. (Bubba) Smith Memorial Scholarship pays tribute to the war hero who was "an outstanding student, a friend to all and a fun-loving person," according to the scholarship description.

"He had the purest heart of anyone I've ever known," said his sister, Jeanne Smith Tamaroff. "I never heard him a say an unkind word to anyone or about anyone. He would gladly help anyone who needed him. What's more, he'd do it with a smile and with no thought of ever being repaid. His life was about giving and not about taking. He was brave and kind and good to the core. He was, and always will be, my hero."

*Bubba Smith*

Smith was born on May 11, 1946, in Union. He lived the first two years of his life in Little Rock and the next three years in Meridian. From the age of five, he lived in Decatur.

As a young boy, he became a Cub Scout and then a member of Boy Scout Troop 46, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He was also elected to the Order of the Arrow and later received the Bill Tatum Honor Camper Award at Camp Binachi in 1961.

Smith graduated from Decatur High School in 1963 and continued his education at ECJC and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

In September 1966, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and took basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He married Janie Harris at the Decatur Baptist Church on December 20, 1966.

Smith trained to be a helicopter pilot at Fort Walters, Texas and Fort Rucker, Alabama. He became a charter member of the Helicopter Hall of Fame Association at Fort Wolters, Texas, and was a member of the Army Aviation Association.

On November 10, 1967, Army Warrant Officer Smith left for Vietnam. As a member of the 155th Assault Helicopter Company, he was stationed at Ban Me Thuot, where he later became Aircraft Commander of his group of choppers. While on a mission, he died in a helicopter crash on April 19, 1968.

His military funeral service was held May 6, 1968, at Decatur Baptist Church, where he was a member. His immediate survivors at his death were his wife, Jane Harris Smith of Decatur; parents, Gertrude (Tootsie) Williams Smith and Willis W. (Dick) Smith, Sr. of Decatur; sister, Jeanne Smith Tamaroff and niece Tari Leigh of Guam; and grandmother, Ludie Rivers Williams of Little Rock.

The Willis W. (Bubba) Smith Memorial Scholarship is designated for a qualified Newton County High School graduate enrolling at ECCC.

For more information or to make a contribution contact the ECCC Office of Development and Alumni Relations, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is sholling@ eccc.edu.

# Collegian Alumni Trip Planned for June 2009

East Central Community College Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson has announced plans to organize a charter bus trip to New York City for a week in June 2009 for all former members of the Collegians.

When asked the purpose of the trip, Carson said, "After 26 years as Collegians director, I have had many former members that have indicated how much they miss the camaraderie and wonderfully memories of being in what many call their highlight at ECCC and college in general...being a member of the Collegians.

"Now that so many are out in the workforce, with jobs and families, I have decided to offer any former members an opportunity to get together and take a trip to New York City for fun with others who have been in the group. Imagine the banter on the charter bus: who had the wildest hair styles, the coolest outfits, what era of music was the best, who was best guitarist, what trips were the most fun, who got the most autographs at high schools and who can still remember the lyrics to "Old Time Rock and Roll?"

He added that the trip will not involve any performing, but will simply be a trip to enjoy good talk, renew old friendships and meet new friends with a common interest in the Collegians. Plans include all the tourist fare such as Broadway shows, sightseeing all the major landmarks, good eating and shopping.

Carson and his daughter, Jennifer (Class of 2004), also a former Collegians member, are compiling a list of those interested in this trip. Anyone interested in being put on the mailing list for future information about the trip should email Jennifer Carson at jcarson416@yahoo.com.

Carson said, "Once there are enough people interested, more specific information such as dates and cost will be finalized."

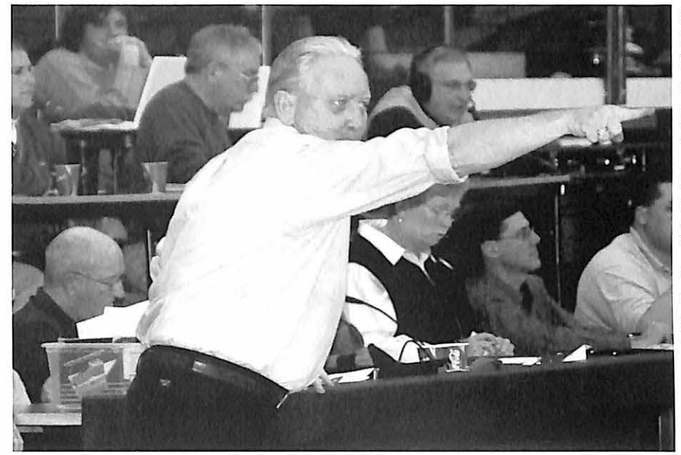
The trip is open to all former Collegians and their spouse or guest. For more information Carson may be contacted at 601-635-6228 or email: tcarson@eccc.edu.





# Leake's Bid for Perfection Falls Short in Overall

*Special to The Warrior by Marty Stamper*



*ECCC Alumnus Doyle Wolverton*

Forty-three might not be Doyle Wolverton's unlucky number, but you sure couldn't tell it from the past two basketball seasons.

For the second straight year, Wolverton's Leake Academy Rebelettes were riding a 42-game win streak in the MPSA Overall Tournament. And Friday afternoon, for the second consecutive season, that's where the streak ended.

Pillow Academy used a 42-17 rebounding advantage to knock off the Rebelettes 70-57 in the semifinal contest. A year ago, Leake fell 60-56 to Madison-Ridgeland Academy in the championship game.

It didn't help that Leake's top three scorers-Hannah Lee, Whitney Gross, and Mary Lauren Wilson-all fouled out in the fourth quarter. Leake was whistled for 24 fouls to Pillow's nine.

"That's two in a row," said Wolverton, a native of Union, of coming up just short of an undefeated season. "The one thing I hated about the seniors going out that way was that three of them were on the bench when the game was over. I think that hurt my feelings more than anything else.

"Give it to Pillow. They played hard. They played well. It just didn't seem to be our day."

And while 42-1 would be cause to celebrate in most places, Leake just doesn't happen to be one of them.

"I told the girls that I'm sure there are a lot of teams out there that would like to be 42-1... we're just not one of them," said Wolverton, whose 33-year career record stands at 1,046 wins and 169 losses.

Along the way, this year's team won the Class AA state championship for the third straight year. It was Wolverton's 11th state championship at the Madden school.

In its last 21 games prior to the Overall Tournament, the Rebelettes had averaged a 50-18 lead going into halftime. That would not be the case against Pillow as the Lady Mustangs took a 36-26 lead into halftime.

For the most part, Pillow was able to take away Leake's legendary press and running game. Without the usual uncontested layups, Leake was only 22-of-54 from the floor including 14 misses from inside 10 feet.

The Lady Mustangs also held Leake to just three offensive rebounds in their 42-17 advantage on the boards. The Rebelettes did force many of Pillow's 23 turnovers in the final period.

"I had trouble pressing," Wolverton said. "Right there at the end, I decided I had to decide whether I wanted to or not. Once they broke that press, it was pretty much a layup for them because we were going for steals. It happened a lot the last three minutes after Hannah Lee fouled out.

"We were down 10 at halftime and I was hoping we would only be down five starting the fourth quarter. We finally cut it to four with about four minutes to go and they went on a 13-4 run when our three big ones fouled out. When I saw them on the bench with me, I knew we were fixing to have some serious trouble. We had people in the game that have played, but not in a game like that.

"It was a heck-of-a year, we just ran out of gas right there at the end. We'll try it again next year."

The Wolverton Years

| Year | W-L |
|---|---|
| 1975-76 | 24-7 |
| 1976-77 | 19-10 |
| 1977-78 | 12-17 |
| 1978-79 | 20-11 |
| 1979-80 | 26-6 |
| 1980-81 | 20-8 |
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| 1982-83 | 27-5 |
| 1983-84 | 26-3 |
| 1984-85 | 25-1 |
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| 1988-89 | 37-2 |
| 1989-90 | 33-3 |
| 1990-91 | 29-9 |
| 1991-92 | 36-2 |
| 1992-93 | 32-8 |
| 1993-94 | 37-1 |
| 1994-95 | 28-9 |
| 1995-96 | 27-7 |
| 1996-97 | 37-4 |
| 1997-98 | 39-3 |
| 1998-99 | 46-0 |
| 1999-00 | 37-4 |
| 2000-01 | 32-8 |
| 2001-02 | 31-9 |
| 2002-03 | 39-4 |
| 2003-04 | 38-3 |
| 2004-05 | 40-4 |
| 2005-06 | 38-3 |
| 2006-07 | 42-1 |
| 2007-08 | 42-1 |
| Total | 1,046-169 |

# Marshall, Blount Represent ECCC In MACJC Sports Hall of Fame

Two former football greats at East Central Community College in Decatur are among new members of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Sports Hall of Fame.

Earl Marshall of Hattiesburg and the late Lamar Blount of Decatur were officially inducted along with other members of the 2008 Class during a ceremony held Tuesday, April 22 at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. Activities began with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. program in Wolf Hall of the Thames Center.

The ECCC honorees were selected earlier this year by the College's Alumni Association Officers and Board of Directors.

*Earl Marshall*

Earl Marshall was a member of the 1954 and 1955 Warrior squads, earning All-State honors at offensive and defensive end following his sophomore season. He also served as sophomore class president.

Prior to attending then ECJC, Marshall was a three sport lettermen as a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams at Philadelphia High School.

Marshall continued his football career at the University of Southern Mississippi as a member of the 1956 and 1957 Golden Eagle teams, which earned berths in the Tangerine Bowl following both seasons.

After his playing career ended, Marshall continued his involvement in sports by serving several years as a football coach on the high school and junior high levels.

He has also maintained close ties with his college alma maters, serving in various capacities as well as receiving numerous honors in recognition of his athletic career and outstanding service to each institution.

At East Central, Marshall served as committee chairman to establish The Warrior Club, a fundraising organization for ECCC athletics. He also served as the organization's first president in 1988 and served three other terms – 1989, 1993 and 1994.

He was inducted in the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989 and was named the College's Alumnus of the Year in 1992. He served two terms as president of the ECCC Alumni Association, in 1989 and 1990, and helped reactivate the MACJC Inter-Alumni Association serving as the group's president in 1992.

Marshall was employed at ECCC from 1994-98, where he served as team leader for the College's Workforce Development Center. Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Marshall had a successful career in the insurance business.

Marshall served as president of the USM Alumni Association in 1979-80 and is a charter member of the USM Alumni Hall of Fame, having been selected in 1987. In addition, he is an Honors Club member of the USM Foundation and served three terms as president of the M Club – 1987, 2000 and 2001. He served two terms as president of the Eagle Club, from 1991 to 1993, and was inducted into the USM Sports Hall of Fame in 1991. He is also a recipient of the highest honor bestowed upon a USM alumnus – the Meritorious Service Award, presented in 2000.

He is married to the former Bobbie Jones of Forest and they reside in Hattiesburg. They have three sons and four grandchildren. Mike Marshall resides in Jackson where he is a vice president with A.G. Edwards Wachovia Securities. Mickey Marshall is vice president and general manager of Metals USA, a steel company, located in Mobile, Ala. He and his wife Julie have a son, Myers. Robert Marshall is a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army currently stationed in Germany. He and his wife Lea have three children, Nathan, Anna and Jake.

*Former East Central Community College football standout Earl Marshall (center) of Hattiesburg receives congratulations from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin following Marshall's induction into the Mississippi Community and Junior College (MACJC) Sports Hall of Fame. At left is Joe Blount, whose late father Lamar Blount of Decatur was also inducted into the prestigious group.*

***LAMAR BLOUNT***

Lamar Blount is recognized as the first athlete to receive All-American status at East Central Community College in Decatur, an honor he received in 1939 as a member of the state champion Warrior football team.

*Lamar Blount*

Blount began his athletic career at Philadelphia High School, excelling in football, basketball, track and baseball. He made the All-State team in football as an end. But at the beginning of his junior year he transferred to Newton County Agricultural High School so he would be eligible to play at then "ECJC" his last two years in high school. The agricultural high school was at that time a part of the College.

A fullback at EC, Blount scored 86 points his freshman year and played on the 1938

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## Johnson Family Establishes Engineering Scholarship

A scholarship in memory of Lee E. Johnson and Lizzie Graham Johnson has been endowed at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The Johnson Family Engineering Scholarship was established by the couple's children, Joe Lee and Ollie J. Johnson, John and Elsie Johnson Hollingsworth, Charlie R. Johnson and Danny E. Johnson.

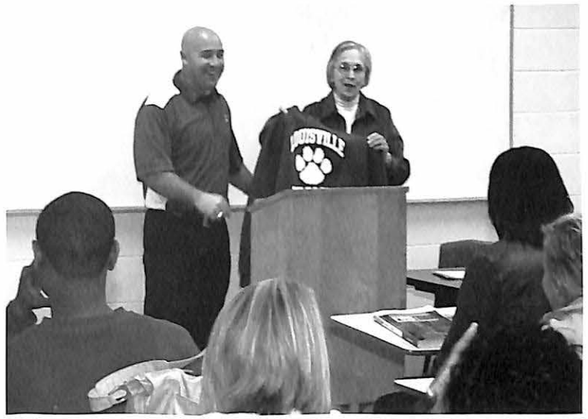
The scholarship will be awarded to a resident of Newton County and preferably a graduate of Newton County High School. The scholarship recipient must enroll as a fulltime freshman student at ECCC following graduation from high school and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

In addition, the scholarship recipient must major in engineering with the intent of enrolling in civil engineering at Mississippi State University.

A sophomore may also qualify for the award, which will be based on earnings from the endowment corpus.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the College's Scholarship Committee.

For more information contact ECCC Student Services, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375. The email address is jkillens@eccc.edu.



## *Peterson Addresses ECCC Class*

Brad Peterson, head football coach at Louisville High School, spoke recently to students in Lucille Wood's health, recreation and physical education class at East Central Community College in Decatur. Peterson, an ECCC alumnus, provided tips for success to class members, many of whom are planning careers in the field of athletics. Peterson guided his Wildcats to the State Class 3-A title in 2007. He is shown presenting Miss Wood with a Louisville Wildcat T-Shirt prior to making his remarks.

**SPORTS HALL OF FAME** (Continued)

undefeated team. He scored 100 points his sophomore season and helped lead the 1939 team to an undefeated season and the College's only state championship in football. He was selected an All-State fullback following the season in addition to receiving All-American honors.

Blount also excelled in track at East Central.

After graduation, Blount signed a football scholarship with then Mississippi State College (now Mississippi State University) where he was a star wingback for the Bulldogs. During his sophomore year in 1941, State won the Southeastern Conference Championship and participated in a bowl game in San Francisco when Pearl Harbor was attacked thus sending the United States into World War II. In March 1942, Blount and many of his teammates joined the U.S. Marine Corps.

During the summer of 1943, Blount was assigned to the Marine V-12 Program at Duke University. He was a member of the Blue Devil football squad that fall and continued his success on the gridiron by being named first team All Southern Conference.

Later that year Blount was called to active duty and received his commission as Second Lieutenant in July 1944. He arrived on the island of Okinawa on April 11, 1945, where he was part of the military action necessary for securing the island. The invasion was hastened when the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan.

Blount continued his military service until being honorably discharged in April 1946.

Soon after his discharge, Blount returned to Mississippi and entered the professional football draft. He signed a contract with then Miami Seahawks of the old All-American Football Conference and played professionally as a defensive end for several years. He then signed with the Buffalo Bills and later the Baltimore Colts before retiring from professional football.

Blount taught school at Lake for a short time and later acquired a large tract of land near Decatur where he and his wife, the former Naomi Gibbs Foster of Philadelphia, operated a dairy, beef and timber business for many years.

When he retired, Blount served several years as a member of the ECCC Board of Trustees. He was named to the College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989.

Blount died on August 6, 2007, a short time following the death of his wife. Their son, Kenneth, preceded them in death when he was killed in an automobile accident during his sophomore year at the University of Mississippi, where he was a standout safety for the Rebels. Their son Joe was also a football standout at Ole Miss. He and his wife Rosalie Blount reside in Jackson. Lamar and Naomi also had two daughters, Lynn Blount Mayo of Bartlesville, Okla., and Jackie Blount Harrison of Oxford. Family members also include six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

## Gregory Addresses ECCC Class

Bart Gregory, field representative for the Bulldog Club at Mississippi State University, is shown speaking to students in Lucille Wood's Introduction to Physical Education and Sports class at East Central Community College in Decatur. Gregory, an ECCC alumnus and Winston County native, stressed the importance of being an "effective communicator" to class members, many of whom plan to pursue careers in athletics. Gregory is a 1997 ECCC graduate, where he was involved in various campus activities and was named to the College's Hall of Fame.

## ECCC Tennis Program Contribution

East Central Community College's tennis program has received a financial boost following a contribution from the Newton County Tennis Organization. Tim Thomas (left), NCTO president, is shown presenting a $500 check to Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director of Foundation and Alumni Relations at the College. Hollingsworth said funds will be used for various improvements on the ECCC courts, which are utilized by the local tennis organization and the public as well.

## Lathem Scholarship Established At ECCC

A scholarship in memory of Andrew Wilson Lathem was recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Lathem was the eighth child of William Andrew and Mattie Brantley Lathem of Sebastopol and was the only one of 10 children to attend college.

A 1938 graduate of Sebastopol High School, Lathem worked his way through then East Central Junior College and Mississippi State University by milking cows owned by the colleges. He was a member of the Class of 1940 at ECJC.

Following his graduation from MSU, Lathem was employed by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs with his first assignment in Cherokee, North Carolina. He also served on reservations in Hoopa, California and Window Rock, Arizona.

After serving more than 30 years with the Bureau, he retired to Allen, Texas, where he worked more than 20 years in the garden center and as a greeter for Wal-Mart. Lathem, who was known for his belief in the value of education and work ethic, retired at the age of 87.

Family members established the Andrew Wilson Lathem Scholarship "in memory of his dedication to helping others over the years to become educated individuals."

The scholarship will be awarded annually – dependent of the availability of funding- to a qualified freshman student for the fall semester. Preference will be given to a Sebastopol High School graduate.

Recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee.

For more information contact ECCC Student Services, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 205. The email address is jkillens@eccc.edu.





# ECCC Reunion Group Establishes Scholarship

For almost 10 years, members of the 1957, 1958 and 1959 graduating classes at East Central Community College have held reunions during homecoming activities on the Decatur campus.

The group was first organized by the late Martha Tullos Hummel, a 1958 ECCC graduate who resided in Greenwood. Mrs. Hummel, a Choctaw County native and 1956 graduate of Louisville High School, often remarked how she "treasured the memory of her classmates.... and remembered that many warm friendships had formed" during her East Central years.

Before she died in September 2004, Mrs. Hummel encouraged members of the three classes to continue their annual get-togethers, which they have done so in impressive numbers. As a result of the reunions and continued friendships, the group decided to establish a scholarship to assist ECCC students with college expenses.

The Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 Scholarship will be awarded when the $25,000 goal is reached. Approximately $2220 has been received for the scholarship as of mid-March 2008.

For more information or to make a contribution contact the ECCC Office of Development and Alumni Relations, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

*Discussing fundraising options to fund a scholarship established by members of the 1957, 1958 and 1959 classes at East Central Community College are the above class members and College officials who met recently on the Decatur campus. The goal for the scholarship has been set at $25,000. Approximately $2,200 has been raised as of mid-March 2008. Seated from left are Nancy Peterson Haggard (Class of 1958) of Clinton, Scholarship Committee secretary; committee members Rudye C. Woodruff (Class of 1957) of Marietta, Ga., and Carole Pace Henry (Class of 1957) of Madison; Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; committee chairman Harvey Trapp (Class of 1957) of Newton; committee members Dorothy Thomas (Class of 1959) of Philadelphia, Carol Vickers (Class of 1958) of Decatur and James Vance (Class of 1957) of Meridian; and Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.*

## FRIENDS OF THE WALL O' SOUND

With the continued growth of the ECCC band, demands for equipment and facilities have created challenges on the financial resources available for the department.

Under the direction of Thomas Carson, the band program has developed a tremendous surge in participation and programs. In addition to the 150+ member "Wall O' Sound" marching band, a concert band, jazz band, nationally touring rock and roll band (The Collegians), percussion ensemble, and touring marching drum line round out a very diverse and active program available to the EC students.

The ECCC foundation is making available to all alumni and fans of the band, an opportunity to "help make music" through financial support. These funds will be used to purchase much needed equipment and facilities necessary to maintain a modern, up to date program.

As a member of the "Friends of the Wall O' Sound," you may offer your financial support as follows:

Maestro Level ..... $1,000 or more
Conductor Level ..... $500
Director Level ..... $250
Section Leader Level ..... $100
First Chair Level ..... $ 50
Band Aide Level ..... $ 25

(All contributions are tax deductible when made payable to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc.)

For more information contact the Foundation Office toll free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 or call 601-635-6327 or email us at sholling@eccc.edu or mail to the ECCC Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

# Homecoming 2008 Set September 27 at ECCC

All former tennis players and members of the 1998 state champion Diamond Warrior baseball team are among groups being honored during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Sept. 27 on the Decatur campus, announced Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, whose office is responsible for planning the annual event.

Also being recognized are members of all classes ending in "8" and members of the 1957, 1958 and 1959 classes who hold reunion activities each year.

Special recognition will also be made of Alumna of the Year and Alumnus of the Year award recipients and those selected to the College's athletic hall of fame. Nominations for each honor will be received through July 1, 2008.

For more information contact Stacey Hollingsworth, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

Already making plans for Homecoming 2008 and other activities are the above officers and board of directors of the East Central Community College Alumni Association, who recently held their spring semester meeting on the Decatur campus Pictured are (seated from left) Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; Cheryl Comans of Cleveland, Association vice president; Ann Burkes and Lois Cooper, both of Decatur and Newton County representatives; Carla Glenn of Madison, out-of-district representative; and Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations; and (standing from left) ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin; James Vance of Meridian, out-of-district representative; Bob Posey of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; and Harvey Trapp of Newton, Association president.

## *Homecoming 5K Run*

Saturday, September 27, 2008 • Brackeen-Wood Gym Parking Lot

**Registration Starts at 7:30 a.m. • Run starts at 8 a.m. • Refreshments Provided**

*For more information contact the ECCC Alumni Association at 601-635-6327 or sholling@eccc.edu*

# Reunion Groups To Meet During Homecoming 2008

Classes of 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998
Former EC Tennis Team Members (1937-2008)
1998 Baseball Championship Team
Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959

We invite you back to campus to relive memories of your youth with friends and classmates. Specific information about when and where your group will meet will be mailed to you this summer. So make plans now to join us!

If you would like to help in locating your fellow classmates, please contact the Alumni Office by calling 601-635-6327 or by e-mail at sholling@eccc.edu.





# *Alumni Weddings*

*Katherine Blair Anthony to Jason David Alford*
*Catherine Michelle Bates to Rockie James Stewart, Jr.*
*Amanda Elizabeth Belenchia to William Jewett Wooten*
*Lauren Carr to Billy Ray Copas*
*Lindsey Brooke Cheatham to Baron Chandler Burkes*
*Brittney Chesnut to Ben McCurdy*
*Ashley Nicole Clark to Taylor Wade Nichols*
*Mandy Comans to Michael Brown*
*Joe Anne Delmas to David Lewis White*
*Melanie Deigh Eaves to Richard Lee Williams II*
*Candace April Ellis to Daniel Eric Madden*
*Cynthia Michelle Gates to Stephen McGowan Dyess, Jr.*
*Courtney Elizabeth Gray to William Christopher Latham*
*Kayla Gene Goodin to Boyd Chase Dewberry*
*Melody Marie Griffin to David Craig Vowell*
*Haley Hanna to Matthew Vance*
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*Christopher Thomas Carson and Wendy Renee' Spell were wed September 22, 2007 at Mynelle Gardens in Jackson*

*Heather Michelle Sumrall to Stephen Durwood Dixon*
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*Mallory Vance to Brad Harrison*
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*Jessica Nicole Windham to Jesse Nathan Brown*

# Alumni News Briefs

Mel Carpenter (Class of 1954) of Ocala, Florida, was honored by Central Florida Community College for his 32 years of service to the athletic programs.

Lois Adkins Smith (Class of 1967) of Meridian is proud to announce the birth of her grandson, James Logan Smith, born February 16, 2007. He was welcomed home by sisters, Grace and Hope.

Minetta Fortenberry (Class of 1997) of Philadelphia is the Teacher Support Team Coordinator for the Neshoba County School District.

Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice James W. Smith Jr. recently appointed attorney Michael R. Cooper (Class of 1998) to a four-year term on the Mississippi Ethics Commission. Cooper has been married for over 15 years to the former Michelle Cade, and they reside with their two children in Madison, Mississippi. Cooper is the son of Lois Cooper of Decatur and the late Carl Cooper.

Brian (Class of 1998) and Kate Sistrunk of Jackson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Elizabeth Sistrunk, born August 14, 2007. She weighed 6 lbs. and 14 oz. Kate recently was promoted to Center Director at Sylvan Learning Center in Flowood. Brian recently accepted a position at Bank First Financial Services as a Mortgage Lending Specialist.

Melanie Burkett Love (Class of 2001) and her husband, Bud, welcomed their first child, Raymond E. "Trace" Love, III on February 21, 2007.

*Brylee and Devin Jones*

Brandon (Class of 2000) & Lachae Jones (Class of 2001) announce the birth of their daughter, Brylee Lanae Jones on July 11, 2006. Brylee was welcomed home by her big brother, Devin. They reside in Sebastopol. Brandon & Lachae are both employed at Raytheon Systems in Forest.

***Brig. Gen. William Freeman (right) is shown with Gov. Haley Barbour after being sworn in as Mississippi's Adjutant General.***

Brig. General William "Bill" Freeman, Jr., was recently named Mississippi's Adjutant General by Governor Haley Barbour and will command the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. Freeman becomes the fourth East Central Community College alumnus to hold the post following Gen. Pat Wilson, Gen. Glenn D. Walker and Gen. Denver Brackeen.

Alumni Henry and Sara McGee Moreau of Decatur celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 28, 1958.

Marine Corps Pvt. Corey N. Boler of Conehatta recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Parris Island, SC.

Ryan Henry serves as physical therapist and outpatient therapy director of Riley Hospital's new LifeSpine program, which provides a comprehensive approach to lower spine management.

Tammy Phillips was recently featured in the Mississippi Business Journal's special publication, "50 Leading Business Women." She serves as Deputy President of Community Bank of Mississippi and holds the highest-ranking female post in the Community Bank system.

Chris Croft (Class of 1993) is serving his second year as Director of Basketball Operations at the University of Nebraska.

Marty and Amy Gomillion Ware (Class of 1998) announce the birth of their daughter, Madilyn Elizabeth Ware on October 22, 2007. Madilyn weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs. And was 19 ½ inches long.

Kristin Chaney was recently recognized as a Halbrook Award recipient at the University of Southern Mississippi athletic banquet. The Halbrook Awards were established by the State Legislature in 1995 and named for former legislator David Halbrook, whose family also endows the award program that honors outstanding academic achievement and graduation rates for student athletes.

Elaine Moss of Lawrence was recently named Outstanding Citizen of the Year during the 57th annual awards banquet for the Newton County Community Develompent Clubs.

Billy Pierce was honored Sunday, December 16 with a retirement reception given by the central office staff of the Newton County School District. He retired after serving 12 years as superintendent of education. He was earlier presented a resolution by the Newton County School District Board of Directors.

Frances Harris Smith was recently honored with a party celebrating her 99th birthday. She celebrated with family and friends at Beehive Homes in Newton. Mrs. Smith is the oldest living graduate of East Central Junior College.

P.J. Henry recently retired as President of Regions Bank after 35 years in the industry.

Troy Brand of Hickory was recently named to the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College in Clinton.

Louisville High School football coach/athletic director Brad Peterson and his Tigers captured the school's sixth state championship last fall by

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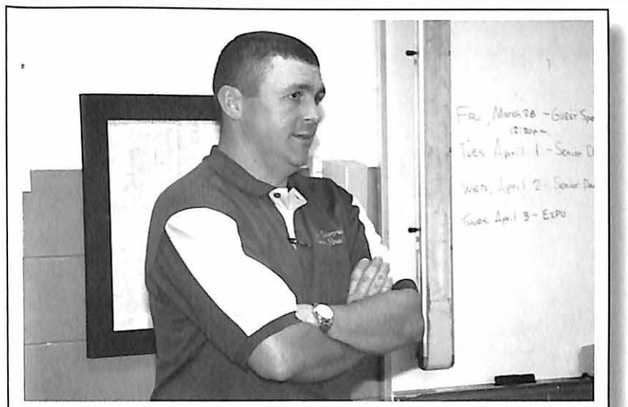

## *Former Diamond Warrior Amedee Visits Campus; Addresses Drafting Students*

Trampas Amedee, a former standout for the Diamond Warriors and a 1992 graduate of the College's drafting and design technology program, visited the ECCC campus earlier this spring and spoke to drafting and design technology students as a special guest of instructors Ricky Harrison and Polly Mayes.

Amedee related his experiences as a student at ECCC and expressed appreciation for all he learned in the drafting program. Amedee is the owner of TBA Enterprises, a drafting company in Dutchtown, La. He noted that "much of his success" can be attributed to the education received at East Central. He is also part owner of Gator Financial with his sister, Shea.

Amedee received various honors during his two years at EC, including his selection as Mr. ECCC and Most Handsome. He was also the 1992 VICA State Drafting Champion. In addition, the Dean's List scholar was a member of Mu Alpha Theta.

He also experienced a successful baseball career, receiving All-Region 23 and All-State honors as a pitcher. He was also chosen the Diamond Warriors' most valuable player and served as team captain. He posted a 9-2 record on the mound with a 1.87 ERA, which was the lowest earned run average for a single season at that time.

Amedee continued his career at the University of West Alabama, where he received a degree in business technology.

He and his wife of nine years, Becky, have two children, Alyssa, seven; and Austin, five.

Amedee remarked that his son plays T-Ball and basketball and his daughter is involved in gymnastics.

He added that he plans to visit the campus again in the near future and hopefully have a reunion with former teammates and classmates.

defeating Franklin County 21-7 in Class 3A.

Longtime Newton County Circuit Clerk Rodney Bounds retired this past January after 28 years in office. The Newton native was honored with a reception in the courthouse.

Bob and Pat Addy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2007.

Wayne McDill was recently named Deputy Superintendent of Education for the Newton County School District. He most recently served as Director of the Newton County Career Center and was principal of Newton High School from 1999 to 2004.

Jo LeCoeur of San Antonio, Texas, recently completed a book of Poems titled Medicine Woods, which retells Choctaw stories, some predating the 1830 Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek.

Carol Vickers presented an illustrated lecture titled "Quilting and Writing: a Combination of the Arts" at the February meeting of "The Two-Year College English Association-Southeast in Louisville, Kentucky. At this meeting, Ovid Vickers of East Central Community College and Nell Ann Pickett of Hinds Community College presented a program reviewing the 43 year history of this organization. Vickers and Pickett are charter members.

James T. Wood, Jr. (Class of 1982) was recently elected a councilman in Destin, Florida. He is retired from the U.S. Army and has lived as a Lt. Colonel in Destin for about three years.

Union native Randy Cleveland was recently named a Distinguished Fellow of the Mississippi State University Bagley College of Engineering. The program recognizes previous graduates who have made significant contributions and achievements over the course of their career. Cleveland is currently the U.S. Production Manager for Exxon Mobil Corporation, responsible for the company's production operations in the U.S., a post he has held since early 2006. He joined the corporation in 1984.

Chance Smart of Philadelphia was recently featured in the Neshoba Democrat after capturing the bull riding championship in San Antonio, Texas on February 26. Smart took winnings of $67,000 putting him in first place in the world rankings with a $40,000 lead. He is married to the former Summer Lovern, also of Philadelphia.

Craig McRae is currently a test engineer employed at the Guided Weapons Evaluation FAcility (GWEF) at Eglin, AFB, FL. In the last year he has presented papers on the following: "Phighting the Phisher: Using Web Bugs and Honey Tokens to Investigate the Source of Phishing Attacks"-presented at the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences and "Honey Tokens and Web Bugs: Developing Reactive TEchnicques for Investigating Phishing

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# ECCC Soccer Teams Recognized for Academic Excellence

East Central Community College's soccer teams were recognized for their academic success by the National Junior College Athletic Association, which recently announced its Fall 2007 Academic Teams of the Year.

The Soccer Warriors posted a 3.02 grade point average during the fall term, second only to Scottsdale (Arizona) Community College which led the nation with a 3.09 GPA.

The Lady Soccer Warriors achieved a 3.25 GPA for the fall semester and finished fourth in the nation. Oxford College of Emory University of Oxford, Ga., came in first with a 3.44 grade point average.

This year's achievement marks the third consecutive year the Lady Soccer Warriors have finished among the top five in the academic competition. The ECCC women had the highest GPA in 2005.

Members of the men's team and their respective hometowns include Josh Moore, Jasper, Ala.; McClain Mullins, Tupelo; Sam Lewis, Kyle Killens and Zach Pillsbury, both of Decatur; Sam Wilson, Meridian; Taylor Booker, Wiggins; Justin Traylor and Patrick Creel, both of Florence; Mat Turner, Mendenhall; Dwayne Furline, Quitman; Zach Allen, Philadelphia; Noah Cook, Hickory; Jeff Grimshel, Vicksburg; and Kevin Roney, Laurel.

Soccer Lady Warriors and their respective hometowns include Jana Johnson and Sidney Gutierrez, both of Chunky; Brooke White, Florence; Skye Tindall, Newton; Chelsey Vincent and Megan Munn, both of Decatur; Kimbo Seale and Belinda Woodall, both of Meridian; Catalina Tarazona, Florence; Kinzey Gaines and Megan Klauck, both of Philadelphia; Kacy Covert, Collinsville; Allison Leach, Union; and Kaley Ball, Laurel.

Kenneth Thompson serves as ECCC soccer coach.

## ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS (Continued)

Scams"-presented at the Antiphishing Working Group 2006 eCrime Researchers Summit. The last article was also published in the Journal of Digital Forensic Practice.

Dr. Reuben Moore was recently named the interim head of the North Mississippi Research and Extension Center in Verona. As director, he will oversee the daily operations of this regional faclity, one of four strategically located across the state to meet the local information, research adn programming needs of Mississippi.

The City of Louisville rolled out the red carpet earlier this year for one of its hometown heroes, ECCC alumnus Marcus Thames of the Detroit Tigers. Mayor Daniel "Moe" Yarbrough issued a proclamation in the major leaguer's honor, part of which recognizes Marcus Markey Thames "for the love he shows his family, by being a great husband and father, and truly a fine human being on this the 8th day of February, 2008." Officials retired Thames' No. 8 baseball jersey at Louisville High School as part of the activities. He was a three-sport letterman at LHS, graduating in 1995. He was a standout member of Coach Jamie Clark's 1996 and 1997 Diamond Warrior squads and spent five years in the minor leagues for the New York Yankees before being called up to the major leagues in 2002. His first time at bat in the majors was a most memorable event, as he blasted a home run of Cy Young Award winning pitcher Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Thames spent the 2003 season with the Texas Rangers and joined the Detroit organization in 2004 and helped lead the Tigers to the World Series in 2005. Thames and the Tigers agreed on a $1.2 million, one-year contract prior to the start of the 2008 season. The 30-year-old outfielder batted .242 with 18 home runs and 54 RBIs in 86 games with Detroit in 2007.

Gene Wiggins (Class of 1963), professor and graduate coordinator in the University of Southern Mississippi School of Mass Communication and Journalism, plans to retire in June 2008 following 35 years of service. Wiggins joined the USM faculty in 1973 after earning his bachelor's and master's degrees from USM and a Ph. D. from Southern Illinois University. Wiggins taught courses in journalism, media law and public relations at Southern Miss and served as director of the School of Communication from 1983 to 2001, at which time he became graduate coordinator of the School of Mass Communication and Journalism. Prior to completing his doctorate, Wiggins worked for the Jackson Daily News and Hattiesburg American. He also served as a public information officer in the Air Force.

Justin Chaney (Class of 1998), softball coach at Newton County High School, received Coach of the Year honors for 2007-08. He will be honored with other award winners at the MAC Coaches Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet on June 27, 2008. Chaney's slow-pitch team won the State 3A title last fall and his fast-pitch team captured the state championship following spring competition.

Jack French (Class of 1973) left his head coaching position at Pearl High School earlier in the year to take an assistant coaching job at Columbus High School. French joins the staff of newly hired Falcons coach Bubba Davis. French has a 223-99-2 career record in leading football programs at DeSoto County Academy, Hillcrest-Tate, Pelahatchie, Itawamba AHS, Forest, Bay Minnette (Ala.), Starkville Academy and Pearl. French, The Clarion-Ledger's 1993 Coach of the Year, won three 3A state titles at Forest and an MPSA title at Starkville Academy.





# ECCC's Annual Golf Classic Set June 19 At Dancing Rabbit

Scholarships will again be the top prize when East Central Community College holds its seventh annual Warrior Golf Classic on Thursday, June 19 at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw.

This year's four-person scramble is scheduled on the award-winning Oaks Course. Registration begins at 9 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Entry fee is $125 per person, which includes green fee, cart, box lunch and a chance to win various prizes.

Corporate sponsorships are also available on the various levels: Gold- $650 (includes a four-person team and hole sponsorship); Silver - $400 (includes fees for two players and hole sponsorship); and Bronze - $200 (includes a hole sponsorship).

Awards will be presented to the corporate division winner and the top three finishers of each flight.

Sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association, the fundraising event has provided more than $21,000 in scholarship monies since its beginning in 2002, according to tournament coordinator Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations at ECCC.

"This year we are again anticipating a great response for our annual fundraising event," Hollingsworth said. "We certainly appreciate everyone's support in the past and look forward to an even better Warrior Golf Classic in 2008."

For more information contact Stacey Hollingsworth, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

## 2008 Warrior Golf Classic

**Tournament sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association and hosted by The Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Mississippi, a development of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians**

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Mrs. Barbara H. Pounds '52
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Mr. Max Rich '54
Mr. Joe L. Rivers '58
Mr. Sam Roberts '62
Mrs. Anne L. Rouse '61
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Mr. Rick Fontan
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Mr. Charles L. Parks '52
Mrs. Gloria C. Payne '74
Ms. Linnie Reynolds
Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97
Mr. Chuck Shelby '61
Hal '01 and Emily Thompson '01
Dr. Gerald W. Walton '54
Ms. Vankeila Wilson

**ECCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES FY 2008 TOTAL**

(July 2007 – March 2008)

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|---|---|
| Leake County | $ 890.00 |
| Neshoba County | 1,411.00 |
| Newton County | 3,117.50 |
| Scott County | 1,240.00 |
| Winston County | 265.00 |
| Out-of-District | 4,944.00 |
| TOTAL | $11,867.50 |

**ECCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
**Fiscal Year 2008**

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Vacant – Winston County Representative
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Mr. James Vance '57.....Out-of-District Representative
Mrs. Lynn Russell Hayes '75.....Past Alumni Association President





# Scholarship Contributions Since Last Issue of Magazine

September 2007 to March 2008

The ECCC Foundation currently maintains 58 endowed scholarships, 29 annual scholarships, and 5 partially endowed scholarships.

## *ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS*

***($10,000.00 Minimum required to endow; contributions may be any amount)***

**ANN BURKES PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP**
Ms. Mary F. Hanson
Mrs. Carol Shackelford '71
Given in memory of Roger Burkes
Ovid and Carol Vickers '58
Given in memory of Roger Burkes

**CLASS OF 1964 SCHOLARSHIP**
Mr. Jerald P. Everett '64

**AARON R. DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Mrs. Lisa O'Neill

**HUBERT D. GILMORE SCHOLARSHIP**
Mrs. Gladys S. Gilmore

**ALBERT F. & FANNIE M. HOLLINGSWORTH SCHOLARSHIP**
Mrs. Fannie M. Hollingsworth

**MARTHA KATE TULLOS HUMMEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Mr. Don E. Hummel
Mr. Tony L. Tullos

**JOHNSON FAMILY ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP**
Mr. Joe Johnson '56

**JOHNSON-TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Bruce '72 and Susan J. Taylor '73

**WILLIAM WADE LONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Dwight and Gail Long

**SHIRLEY RENAUD MEMORIAL FUND**
Mr. Tony Kinton '67

**ELVA SMITH SIGREST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Mrs. Betty Sigrest Bustin '63
Given in memory of Roger Burkes
Mrs. Ann Sigrest Williams '59
Given in memory of Roger Burkes

**THOMAS W. THRASH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Mrs. Melissa T. Carleton '88
Given in memory of Roger Burkes
Decatur Development & Recreation Assn., Inc.
Mrs. Mev. T. Knight '82
Given in memory of Roger Burkes
Mrs. Jeanette B. Thrash '58
Given in memory of Roger Burkes

**OVID & CAROL VICKERS SCHOLARSHIP**
Ms. Mary F. Hanson
Bobby '62 and Sandra Thames '62

**ARNO & RUTH VINCENT SCHOLARSHIP**
Dr. Bill Scaggs
Given in honor of Dr. Clyde Muse '49

**BOB WILKERSON MEMORIAL VO-TECH SCHOLARSHIP**
Ms. Opal W. Austin
Robert G. and Patsy J. Wilkerson '53

## *PARTIALLY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS*

***($10,000.00 GOAL)***

**IRIS BOGGAN SCHOLARSHIP**
($8,525 Raised)
Dr. William E. Wheeler '72

**CLASSES OF 1957, 1958, & 1959 SCHOLARSHIP**
($2,366.65 Raised)
Mr. Larry W. Adcock '58
Lester '57 and Eugenia Baucum '57
Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959 Reunion
Mrs. Nancy J. Haggard '58
Mrs. Polly P. Haynes '56
Mrs. Carole P. Henry '57
Mr. Donny K. Hopkins '57
Mr. Wilmer James '57
Mr. Billy R. Lovett '57
Mrs. Jane L. Mason '57
Dr. Beverly Oliphant-Martin '58
Given in memory of Roger Burkes
Mrs. Jeanette B. Thrash '58
Mr. Harvey Trapp '57
James '57 and Patsy Vance '57
Given in memory of Roger Burkes
Ovid and Carol Vickers '58
Mr. Rudye C. Woodruff '57

**HOGUE-BRANTLEY SCHOLARSHIP**
($7,800 Raised)
Mr. Larry Hogue '61
Ovid and Carol Vickers '58

## *ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS*

**BANK OF FOREST SCHOLARSHIP**
Bank of Forest

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP**
ECCC Board of Trustees
Mrs. Franceska L. Roland '55
Given in memory of Robert J. "Pete" Miles

**CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA SCHOLARSHIP**
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**EC SCHOLARS**
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***Contributions given in memory of Roger Burkes***
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Mrs. Ola Hunter
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(Donors as of March 27, 2008)

Mr. Billy Frank Alford '60
Mr. Danny Allen '69
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Decatur Lions Club
Mr. Jimmy Dempsey
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Forest Lions Club
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Express Junction, LLC (Philadelphia)
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Mr. Bobby R. Gaines '67
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Mrs. Jamie E. Harrell '49
Chris '76 and Pam Harris '76
Jerry '53 and Jo Harris '54
Chad '92 and Nicole Harrison '92
Ms. Beverly Hart
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Neal and Tracy Holliman '93
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JH&H Architects Planners Interiors (Jackson)
Mr. Bubby Johnston
Mr. W. B. Jones
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Mr. Randal Livingston
Mr. Billy R. Lovett '57
Ms. Nelda K. Madden '57
Mrs. Betsy Mann
Earl '56 and Bobbie Marshall '57
Ms. Molly McGee '74
Dr. Howard Carlton '50 and Mrs. Shirley McMillin
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Mr. Clarence V. Mitchell '41
Mr. George Hubert Moore '64
Mr. Pellon Morris '43
Mrs. Doris W. Mowrey '41
Newton County Bank
Newton Regional Hospital
Charlie '63 and Dee Payne '64
Mr. Haywood Reeves '67
Mr. Luther D. Rives '62
Bill '52 and Sue Simkins '56
Mr. Billy Ray Smith '48
Dr. and Mrs. Eddie M. Smith '63
Dr. Karl D. Smith '59
Ms. Annie Stowers
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Mr. Lyle Tate '42
George '67 and Jo Taylor '67
Billy '52 and Faye Tidwell
Union Junction (Philadelphia)
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Dr. Michael W. Waldrop '68
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John Charles '55 and Sara Williams '56
Dolphus '52 and Sybil Williamson '52
Edward '66 and Gloria Williamson
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Newton County Retired Teachers (Newton)
Brad and Sue Pierce & Family
Clinton '55 and Barbara Russell '54
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S. Lebrun '49 and Myrtle R. Hutchison '49

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**SAM RUSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
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Forest-Scott County Civic Club

**DUSTAN TODD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
David and Ann Todd





## *An endowed scholarship is a gift of a lifetime...*

The following scholarships have been established in the East Central Community College Foundation office and with your help can reach endowed status:

Iris Boggan Scholarship
Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959 Scholarship
Stella Dickerson Technical Honor Scholarship
Hogue-Brantley Scholarship
Willis W. (Bubba) Smith Memorial Scholarship

To make a contribution mail to: East Central Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. (Please be sure to designate your contribution to a specific scholarship fund.)

For more information on how to establish an annual or endowed scholarship at East Central, contact the Foundation office at 601-635-6327.

### *Support the ECCC Foundation Through the Annual Fund*

Public resources are limited and tied to specific needs. The College needs unrestricted funds to develop the potential of our students. Thus, the College continues to seek a consistent method for securing private support. We strive to secure these unrestricted private funds through our annual fund campaign.

We invite you to renew your commitment to your community college by contributing to our "Investors In Excellence" Annual Fund Campaign for 2008. Gifts to the "Investors in Excellence" Annual Fund program are tax-deductible, subject to IRS regulations, when made to the East Central Community College Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

Private support such as yours enables us to continue to attract top quality students to the College. If you are in a position to help us, please fill out the form below.

Make a tax-deductible gift to the Annual Fund. Join an "Investors in Excellence" Gift Club

FIVE-YEAR CLUBS
[ ] 21st Century Club - $2,500 Annually
[ ] Leadership Club - $1,500 Annually
[ ] Loyalty Club - $1,000 Annually

THREE-YEAR CLUBS
[ ] 21st Century Club - $300-$1000 Annually
[ ] Leadership Club III - $100-$299 Annually
[ ] Loyalty Club III - $1-$99 Annually

HONOR CLUB (CURRENT YEAR)
[ ] Platinum $10,000 or More
[ ] Gold $5,000 to $9,999
[ ] Silver $1,000 to 4,999

ESTATES/INSURANCE
[ ] Heritage Club-Planned gifts via wills and estate planning
[ ] I have included EC in my estate plans
[ ] I would like info about estate plans

Please Fill Out:

Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____

Year(s) attended EC: _____ Year Graduated from EC: _____

Home Phone # _____ Business Phone # _____

If paying by Credit Card: [ ] Visa [ ] MC Card # _____

Expiration Date _____/_____ Signature: _____ Gift Amount $_____

***Mail to: ECCC Foundation, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327***

## ECCC Foundation Inc., Contributions

September 2007 to March 2008

***Annual Fund***
Tam '53 and Nora Etheridge
Mr. Artie Foreman '90
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Ms. Laura Hammons
Given in memory of Letita Vivet and Family
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***Moreau Endowment***
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# Support ECCC Through The Warrior Club

First organized in 1989 for the support of athletics, the Warrior Club has raised over $512,000 in cash and in-kind contributions to help keep Warrior and Lady Warrior athletic teams competitive. For calendar year 2006, the Warrior Club raised $83,873.46

Athletic programs at EC have made much progress; however, improvements in facilities and athletic materials & supplies are still needed.

For more information on how you can become a member of the Warrior Club, contact the ECCC Foundation toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 or call 601-635-6327 or email us at sholling@eccc.edu. Your gift to the Warrior Club is tax-deductible when made to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc.

## Warrior Club Contributions

January 2007 to December 2007

### LEAKE COUNTY

**Brave**
Mr. Ide B. Dickens '40
Mr. Robert E. Green '67
Mr. William E. Kitchings
Dr. Howard C. McMillin '50
Mr. Billy K. McPhail '53

**Young Brave**
Mrs. Gloria McRae '69

**Papoose**
Mr. Gilbert Barham '74
Mr. H. V. Neal, Jr. '64
Mr. Keith Neal '75
Mr. Cline Watkins '63

### NESHOBA COUNTY

**Chief**
Edward A. '66 and Gloria Williamson

**Super Brave**
Ms. Cathy M. Deason '03
Mr. Jason Hailey '98
Sam '69 and June Nowell '70
Mr. Bob Posey '82

**Brave**
Mrs. Ollie Fay W. Flint '48
Mr. Ricky Goldman
Mr. Barry T. Irons '69
Mrs. Frances Molpus
Mr. David G. Myers
Given in Memory of Ben Myers '97
Mrs. Jewell Parks
Given in Memory of Ben Myers '97
Mrs. Maudean Sanders '70
Mr. Rayford Williamson '62

**Young Brave**
Mrs. Betsy Mann
Mrs. Vikki McNair '82
Glenn '78 and Debra Nicholson '78

### NEWTON COUNTY

**Super Chief**
William D. '46 and Louise R. Bailey
Mr. Neal Holliman
Killens Chevrolet Olds Pontiac
Mr. Mark Killens '78
LA-Z-BOY, SOUTH (Newton)
Mr. J. L. "Creeper" Nelson, Jr. '54

**Chief**
Senator Terry C. Burton
Mr. Chris Harris '76
James Jerry '53 and Jo M. Harris '54
Chad '92 and Nicole F. Harrison '92
Newton County Tennis Organization
Mr. Ronnie Westbrook '76

**Super Brave**
Dr. Esther B. Smith '77
Mrs. Charlotte W. Brackeen '51
Mrs. Lori Luke '81
Mr. Fredrick Lyons '82 & '94
Phil A. Sutphin, Ed.D.
Mr. Mickey Vance '79
Mr. Roger Whitlock

**Brave**
Bobby and Pat Addy '58
Michael and Amy Alexander
Mr. Len Bobo
Mrs. Tanya Boler
B.P. Service Center (Newton)
Mr. Jeff Brown '99
Mark '81 and Theresa Buntyn
Mrs. Merita Cherry
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Mr. Joe Killens '83
Mr. Van Lucas '63
Mr. Robert Luke
Mike and Ada McGrevey '78
Mr. Terry McMullan '67
Mr. Joel Nelson '81
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Billy '67 & Linda B. Pierce '68
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Mrs. Carol Shackelford '71
Bill '52 and Barbara Simkins '56
Dr. Eddie M. Smith '63
Mrs. Denita D. Smylie '77
Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
State Farm Insurance (Union)
Johnnie and Laura Thorne '83 & '89
Terry and Carrie Underwood
White's Body Shop, Inc. (Union)

**Young Brave**
Mr. Kelly Cluff '01
Mrs. Sue Ford
Mr. Pat Ross

**Papoose**
Mr. Jesus Aleman
Mrs. Cindy King Alexander '98
Mr. William Mack Allmand '72
Mr. Colton Amis
Mr. Curt Blackburn '01
Mrs. Debra D. Crawford '77
Mr. Richard Harris '52
Mr. Alton Leach '73
Ms. Kery L. McDill '04
Mr. Jeremy Pinson
Ms. Karen Yates '87

### SCOTT COUNTY

**Super Chief**
Dr. Howard D. Clark
Glynn and Natalie Hannah

**Chief**
George '67 and Jo Taylor '67

**Super Brave**
Elvis' 79 and Sandra Shaw

**Brave**
Bank of Forest
Mr. Ralph Brown
Community Bank (Forest)
Mr. and Mrs. James T. Farris
Mr. Bubby Johnston
Mr. Joey Kenna
Mr. Bill Lovett '57
Mrs. Doris W. Mowrey '41
Mr. Haywood Reeves '67
Mr. Lyle Tate '42
Tyson Foods, Inc. (Forest)
Mrs. Rita J. Waggoner '61

**Young Brave**
Mr. W. H. Stevens

**Papoose**
Mr. Eugene L. Culpepper '42
Mr. Brandon Hannah
Mr. Drew Kenna '04
Mr. Paul Pryor '97

### WINSTON COUNTY

**Super Brave**
Mr. James T. "Jim" Wood '49

**Brave**
Gene '70 and Midge Davis
Wes '84 and Jennifer Kight '84
Mr. Anthony Stanford
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**Papoose**
Mr. Jack Edmonson
Mr. Kiel Higginbotham

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**Super Chief**
Mr. Kendrick Clancy '97
James L. '55 and Anna S. Crosby '55
Mr. M. E. "Boe" Davis, Jr. '55
Earl '56 and Bobbie Marshall '57

**Chief**
Mr. Hal Presley '77
Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97

**Super Brave**
Mr. Steve Deason
Mr. Thomas E. Hannah '57
Mr. Wilmer J. James '57
Progressive Pipeline, Inc. (Livingston, AL)
Sammy '69 and Virginia Pace '71

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Mrs. Janis Chambers Roberts '68
Mr. John Rushing, Jr. '55

**Brave**
Mrs. Martha G. Albright '41
Mrs. Ramona Mitchell Apple '49
Lester '57 and Eugenia Baucum '57
Chris and Coco Boone
Mrs. L. Sherie Bradford '98
Mr. Patrick L. Brown
Mr. Ralph Brown, Jr. '72
Mr. Terry Cannon '57
Mel '54 and Etta Carpenter '54
Todd and Joni F. Cheney '97
Mr. Wyatt J. Davis, Jr. '51
Mr. Chuck D. Dunlap '96
Gene '49 and Ann Earp '48
Mr. Steve Gosselin
Mr. Ray E. Hannah
Greg '83 and Flo Henley '81
Paul '67 and Linda Hollingsworth
Mr. Mike Howle '72
Mrs. Sarah S. Jenkins '48
Mrs. Patsy C. Johnston '52
Landscape Management Group (Hattiesburg)
Mr. Mike Lee '79
Billy and Doris Massengale
Mrs. Germice S. McKeehan '58
Raymond '57 and Lois McMullan '60
Mrs. Molly Freeny Morris '43
Dr. Clyde Muse '49
Ralph '50 and Nancy Rives '51
Mrs. Laura G. Rowell '37
Mr. Larry Savell '57
Mr. Robert L. Shaw '68
Stephens Funeral Home (Meridian)
Mrs. Elizabeth D. Stone '41
Mrs. Madeline M. Strahan '54
Mr. Ollie Underwood
Mr. Clayton K. Whitehead '80

***Warrior Club 2007 Contributions By County***
(January 01, 2007 – December 31, 2007)

| | |
|---|---|
| EC Employee Payroll Deductions | $ 4,176.25 |
| Leake County | 685.00 |
| Neshoba County | 2,599.96 |
| Newton County | 142,248.86 |
| Scott County | 4,760.00 |
| Winston County | 810.00 |
| Out-of-District | 33,365.00 |
| Total | $188,645.07 |

**Young Brave**
Mr. Brent Bailey '90
Mr. Dan W. Carpenter '61
Mr. Robert Clark
Dr. Cheryl Crooks '76
Mr. Cecil H. Jones
Mr. Terrell Brian Temple
Dr. Larry Tuggle '55

**Papoose**
Mr. Parker B. Cannon '49
Mr. James N. Champion '91
Mrs. Sara Cagle Crawford '49
Mrs. Neva M. Doler '40
Mrs. Opal H. Green '40
Mr. James D. Lowery '56
Mrs. Nelda K. Madden '57
Mrs. Ruth Oswalt
Mr. Aaron B. Rives '55
Mr. Kenneth Stidham '64
Mr. Dolphus P. Williamson '52

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**FOOTBALL**

| | |
|---|---|
| Freddie Parham | University of Southern Mississippi |
| Mark Hoskins | Delta State University |
| Ken Whitfield | Delta State University |
| Katlan French | Delta State University |
| Chris Ivey | Mississippi Valley State University |
| Marquis Harris | Mississippi Valley State University |
| Dameon Brown | Mississippi College |
| Travis Robinson | University of North Alabama |
| Ray Frierson | University of North Alabama |
| Frederick Lyons | University of North Alabama |
| Spencer Spane | University of Central Arkansas |
| Jamar Lawrence | University of Tennessee-Martin |
| Roosevelt Ross | Jacksonville State University |
| Deon Williams | University of West Alabama |
| John Bailey | Birmingham Southern University |

**BASEBALL**

| | |
|---|---|
| Jesus Aleman | Mississippi Valley State University |
| Terrell Hendrix | University of West Alabama |
| Deon Williams | University of West Alabama |
| Chris Parkman | University of Alabama-Huntsville |
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January 2008 to March 2008

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
*2008 NOMINATION FOR*
*ALUMNUS/ALUMNA OF THE YEAR**

Name:_____ Maiden_____

Years Attended, Graduated EC:_____

Address:_____

Phone (w)_____(h)_____

High School Graduated From:_____ County_____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From_____ Years_____

Work Experience:
Place Position Dates
_____
_____
_____

Contributions to College/and to Community:_____
_____

Professional Affiliations and Honors:_____
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Family:_____

Spouse:_____ Maiden Name_____

Did spouse attend EC ___ Yes ___ No, If yes, Years Attended/Graduated_____

Children & Ages:_____

Attach additional information, if needed.
Return to: Alumni Association
East Central Community College Address
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327-0129
Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 327
Deadline: July 01, 2007

Name (of Alumnus/Alumna submitting nomination)
_____Maiden_____
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Phone (h)_____ (w)_____
Years attended/graduated EC_____

*Applications are good for two consecutive years. Additional info about nominees is encouraged. Attach info to this form. Selection is based primarily on print materials received.





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*2008 NOMINATION FOR*
*ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

Name:_____ Maiden_____

Years Attended_____ ECCC Graduation Date:_____

Address:_____

Phone: (work)_____(home)_____

High School:_____County_____

Sports Lettered In & Honors Received In Community College:_____
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College attended after ECCC:_____

Sports Lettered In and Honors Received At Senior College/University Level:_____
_____

Work Experience:
Place Position Dates
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Honors Received:_____
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Phone (h)_____ (w)_____
Years attended/graduated EC_____

Deadline: July 01, 2007

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**Marjorie Bell Atkinson**
Marjorie Bell Atkinson, 77, died Saturday, April 5, 2008 in her home. Services were held Monday, April 7 in the chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Home with burial in Old Pearl Valley Cemetery. She was a 1951 East Central Junior College graduate and was a member of the Lady Warrior basketball team.

**Sudie Kay Bassett**
Sudie Kay Bassett, 63, a former school teacher and secretary, died Monday, November 5, in her home. Services were held Thursday, November 8, 2007 from the chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Home. Burial was in Eastlawn Cemetery.

**Thara T. Beemon**
Thara T. Beemon, 91, a retired educator and veteran of the US Army, died Thursday, September 27,in the Mississippi State Veterans Home in Kosciusko. Services were held from the chapel of Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home in Raymond with burial in Raymond Cemetery. Mr. Beemon was a 1937 graduate of East Central Community College and established the T.T. Beemon Endowed Scholarship in 2001.

**Billy C. Beavers**
Billy Charles Beavers, 69, died Wednesday, September 12, 2007, after a long battle with leukemia. Services were held Saturday, September 15, in Bethlehem Baptist Church in Forkville with burial in the church cemetery. Mr. Beemon taught metal trades at the Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center for 27 years. He was a 1958 graduate of East Central Junior College

**Richard Arlen Berryhill**
Richard A. Berryhill, 77, died Sunday, March 9, 2008. Services were held Thursday, March 13, in St. Patrick Church in Meridian. Burial was in Mt. Zion Church Cemetery. James. F. Webb Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. He was serving as an adjunct instructor at East Central Community College at the time of his death.

**George Leon Bounds**
George Leon Bounds died Monday, January 28, 2008, in Riley Hospital in Meridan, following an extended illness. Services were held Tuesday, January 29, in the Newton United Methodist Church with burial in the Newton Masonic Cemetery.

**Roger C. Burkes**
Roger C. Burkes, 69, died Sunday, January 13, 2008, in Laird Hospital in Union. Graveside services were held Thursday, January 17 at Newton County Memeorial Gardens. He was a retired school teacher for East Central Community College and was a Vietnam War veteran.

**Riley E. Burton, Jr.**
Reverend Riley E. Burton, Jr., 67, died Friday, May 2, in Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center. Services were held Monday, May 5, in Newton United Methodist Church with burial in Newton Masonic Cemetery.

**Daisy Kate Williams Chaney**
Daisy Kate Williams Chaney, 89, died Monday, March 31, 2008, in her home in Union. Services were held Wednesday, April 2, in Stephen's Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery. Mrs. Chaney is a member of the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Merle Myers Crumpton**
Merle Myers Crumpton, 87, died Sunday, September 16, 2007, in St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson. Services were held Wednesday, September 19 in Alta Woods Baptist Church with burial in Raleigh Cemetery. She was a former home econimics teacher and helped establish Alta Woods Baptist Kindergarten, where she served as director for 30 years. She was a 1940 graduate of East Central Junior College.

**Mary Lee Foster**
Mary Lee Foster, 93, died Monday, November 26, 2007, in Highland Home in Ridgeland. Services were held Wednesday, November 28, Stephen's Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Union City Cemetery. She was a homemaker.

**Mike French**
Mike French, 51, died Sunday, November 25, 2007, in Laird Hospital in Union. Services were held Tuesday, November 27, in Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Erin Cumberland Presbyterian Church cemetery. He was a retired officers with the Newton County Sheriff's Department.

**Frances Aycock Johnson**
Frances Aycock Johnson, 80, died Sunday, October 28, 2007 in Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union County, New Albany. Services were held Tuesday, October 30 in Decatur United Methodist Church with burial in Newton County Memorial Gardens. She was a retired school teacher.

**Linda Blount Jones**
Linda Blount Jones died Friday, September 28, 2007 in Fairhope, Alabama. Services were held Sunday, September 30 in Fairhope United Methodist Church. She was a 1970 graduate of East Central Junior College and was a retired educator.

**Harbert Holland "Tug" Ledford, III**
Harbert Holland "Tug" Ledford, III, 55, died Saturday, March 15, 2008. Memorial services were held at Vineyard Church of Jackson on Tuesday, March 18. Burial was in Lakewood Memorial Park Cemetery in Jackson. He attended East Central in 1972-73

**Geraldine Gilbert Mercer**
Geraldine Gilbert Mercer died December 6, 2007. She was a native of Leake County and taught school for over 40 years. She was a 1941 graduate of East Central Junior College.

**Robert J. Miles**
Robert J. "Pete" Miles, 72, died Friday, November 30, 2007 in Orlando Regional Hospital due to a fall resulting in a brain injury. Services were held Tuesday, December 4, in Ott & Lee Funeral Home in Morton with burial in Pulaski Cemetery. He was retired after 40 years with the U.S. Army and was a former member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. He was a member of the ECJC Class of 1956.

**Harold Wilson Murphy**
Harold Wilson Murphy died September 27, 2007, at Central Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. Services were held October 1, 2007, at Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home in Clinton. He was employed with WLBT-TV3 as a Sales Executive for 29 years, opened an Advertising Agency for a brief time and retired from Gelston

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# We Get Letters...

October 2, 2007
Dr. Phil Sutphin, President
ECCC
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327

Dear Dr. Sutphin,
The ECCC Soccer Teams represented ECCC well last night at the funeral visitation for Mr. Bill Mullins, father of ECCC soccer player McClain Mullins. It truly meant a lot to McClain that his fellow team members and coach made a trip to Tupelo to pay their respects to his family. These boys and girls represented ECCC in a way that made Bill and I proud to be ECCC alumni.

Family and friends of the Mullins' express what a wonderful and caring school ECCC must be for coaches and students to give up their time to be supportive of a fellow team member and his family. I cannot tell you how many times I heard people comment on how nice it was for ECCC to allow the team to come on the ECCC bus.

I do not know whose idea it was, but they are to be commended. To Coach Thompson, the boys and girls soccer teams, and whoever else was involved in making this decision, Maegan, Bill and I say "Thanks you for representing ECCC in such a positive way."

Sincerely,
Regina Johnston

Cc: Kenneth Thompson

Dear East Central,
I have received so many notes and calls of congratulations following the 2007 Alumna of the Year award recognition. Thanks again.

Ollie Fay Flint '48

To The Warrior Staff:

The December 2007 The Warrior recorded Donald Triplett saying that his fondest memory of East Central was his literature class with Ms. Newsome. That was my experience as well. Ms. Stella Newsome's classes soared, and one could feel the jolt at the end of each one.

Mike Pope
Class of 1955
Petersburg, PA

## OBITUARIES (Continued)

Chevron Station in 2005. He was a 1948 graduate of East Central Junior College

**James T. O'Bannon**
James Thomas "Buster" O'Bannon, 78, died Sunday, October 21, 2007 in Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Services were held Tuesday, October 23, in Forest United Methodist Church with burial in Harperville Memorial Park. He owned Standard Oil Service Station and O'Bannon Trucking Company before joining Brown and Root Construction Company. Upon retirement, he opened O'Bannon Lawn Service.

**Linda Joyce Price**
Linda Joyce Price (Class of 1966) of Louisville died July 18, 2007. Ms. Price was born in Neshoba County and worked as a sales representative for ATCO Manufacturing.

**Helen Reeves Webb Rose**
Helen Reeves Webb Rose, 83, died Monday February 11, 2008 in Rush Hospital in Meridian. Services were held Thursday, February 14 in Newton County Funeral Home with burial in Decatur Cemetery.

**Trenton Shelton**
Trenton Hughes Shelton, 69, died Monday, November 12, 2007 in the University of Mississippi Medial Center in Jackson of a brain injury sustained in a fall. Graveside services were held Thursday, November 15 in Eastern Cemetery in Forest.

**Troy W. Stamper**
Troy W. Stamper, 54, died Sunday, October 28, 2007 in Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday, October 31 in Barham Funeral Home Chapel with burial in New Hope Cemetery in Decatur. He was retired from Delco-Remy-Delphi.

**Bill Thames**
Billy Jackson Thames, 80, died Wednesday, December 26, 2007. Services were held Friday, December 28 in Newton United Methodist Church with burial in Masonic Cemetery. He was a retired mail carrier, former owner of the Brass Knob in Newton and was a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees at the time of his death.

**Dock Bower Wall**
Dock Bower Wall died January 12, 2007. He was a retired coach and teacher and served in the U.S. Army in the Korean conflict. He was a member of the East Central Community College Class of 1953.

**Tommie Jim Walton**
Tommie Jim Walton died Thursday, September 15, 2005. Services were held Saturday, September 17 in Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel with burial in the Pine Grove Church of God Cemetery in the Dixon Community of Neshoba County. He was a 1948 graduate of East Central Junior College. He was a member of the ECJC Class of 1948.

# *Please Help Find These Alumni!*

The Alumni Office does not have a current mailing address for the following alumni and frineds of the College. If you have any information regarding their whereabouts, please email Stacey Hollingsworth at sholling@eccc.edu or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327 (withing Mississippi) or phone 601-635-6327. Thank you for your help!

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April Sanderson '97
**Carthage**
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Tracy Russell
**Choctaw**
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**Clinton**
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# *ECCC Lady Warriors-Region 23 Champions!*

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors celebrate winning the Region 23 Championship following their 67-62 victory over Holmes Community College at Mississippi College's A. E. Wood Coliseum in Clinton. The ECCC women finished the season at 22-8 under third-year head coach Bill Smith after advancing to the 2008 NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship, which was held March 18-22 in Salina, Kansas.

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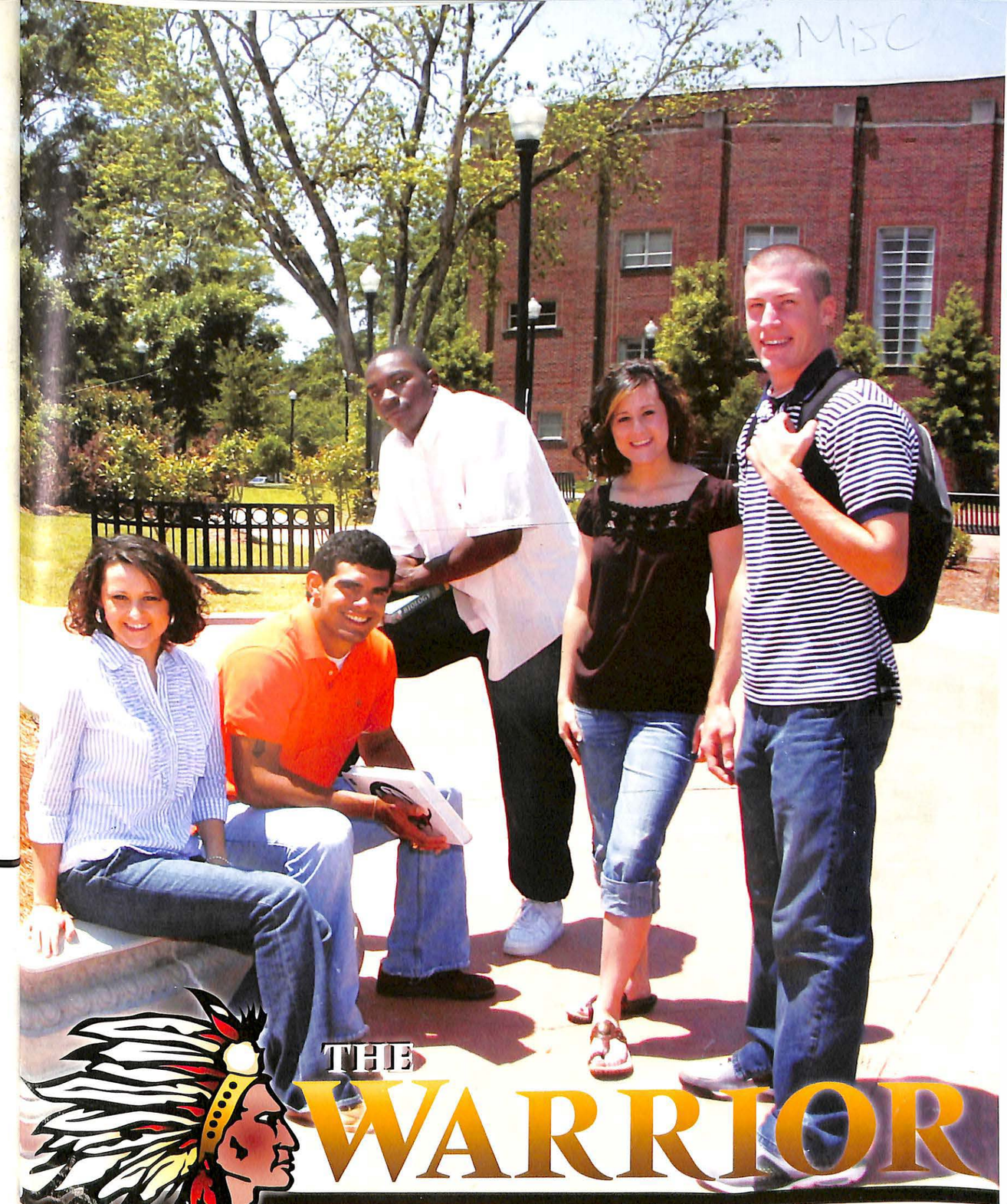

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### Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

### *On the Cover*

***Recently enjoying a picturesque day on the ECCC campus are (from left) sophomore Becky Culpepper of Forest, recent graduate Jesus Aleman of Belle Glade, Fla., and sophomores Clint Coleman of Louisville, Brooke Culpepper of Forest and Steven Barnes of Folsom, La.***

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# *President's Message*

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*Dr. Phil A. Sutphin*

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Your College continues to grow and prosper. Final numbers for enrollment are not available yet but the preliminary indications suggest a substantial increase for the fall semester. Classrooms and parking lots are full and enthusiasm is high!

During the College's pre-session workshop, the faculty worked in their divisions to develop goals for the year. Reports by the division chairs established a significant opportunity for students to find success in meeting their educational goals. Teaching and learning is of paramount importance at East Central and the faculty demonstrates that on a regular basis.

The College recently received data from the state level that shows East Central transfer students achieve at a rate above the average for all community college transfer students. We continue to demonstrate the effectiveness of our graduates as they move to other educational pursuits and we provide that instruction at an affordable rate. In fact, the College has not increased tuition during the last several years; it is still $1,400 for the year.

Final touches are being made to the design and development drawings for the Davis Science Building. It is our hope that the request for bids will go out in December and construction can begin in late spring. The College is excited about the upgraded labs that this facility will bring. When the new facility is complete we will begin the planning for the renovation of Cross Hall into the science lecture hall.

Another significant project that is taking shape in our planning process is the renovation of Founders' Gym. This building is a major part of the history of the College and we cannot let the building go unused for a long period of time. Maintaining the character of the playing surface is the centerpiece of our planning regardless of the ultimate function of the facility. We will be looking for major alumni support in the development and implementation of this project.

Please join us for Homecoming Sept. 27 where many of these ideas will be discussed.

Thank you

# Former May Queen Selected Alumna of the Year

"Stunned and excited" is how Marijo James Denson of Decatur described her reaction upon hearing of her selection as East Central Community College's Alumna of the Year.

Denson currently serves on the Board of the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority#5 and serves as vice president of commissioners of the Southeastern Regional Conference for Housing and Redevelopment, an organization covering 10 states. In addition, she serves on the legislative and commissioner board of the National Association of Housing in Washington, D.C.

"I spend a lot of time at meetings around the country and most recently returned from Jacksonville, Fla., where we held a golf tournament that raised $11,000 to provide funding for college scholarships for students in the region," Denson said.

"We [illegible] the [illegible] area that we have [illegible] housing authority [illegible] in this district and [illegible] facilities for the [illegible] of Mississippi-one in [illegible] and one in Carthage and the residents love it, because it gives them a sense of independence."

Denson has spent the majority of her career as a member and officer of the Motion Picture Theater Company with operations in Alabama, Louisiana, Florida and Mississippi. She was vice president and general manager of the organization.

"I originally planned to attend law school, but after my father, Dwight James Sr., died, I felt that I needed to stay closer to my mother and brothers. A friend of mine suggested that I get into the theater business, which I did."

During this time she lived in New Orleans for a number of years, and traveled to California, New York and many other places.

"It was a very interesting career. I had a lot of friends in the business. I attended many movie premiers and parties, and booked movies for more than

*Marijo James Denson ('47)*

100 theaters.

A few of the many celebrities she met during those years were Elvis Presley, John Wayne, Gene Hackman, Burt Reynolds, Sidney Poitier and Marilyn Monroe.

Denson is also a member of the National Association of Theater Owners of America and served on the Board and as Master of Ceremonies for a meeting in New York City with 1,500 members and executives present. In addition, she is a member of the National Association of Concessionaires and the Will Rogers Foundation.

She serves as secretary of the Mississippi Prison Industries Board, an organization that teaches work skills to inmates so they may become productive members of society upon their release. She previously served as chairperson of this board.

A 1947 East Central Community College graduate, Denson was crowned May Queen and was a member of The Tom-Tom and Wo-He-Lo staffs, band, Wesley Foundation and Glee Club. In addition, she was active in the Drama Club where she played the leading female role as "Baby" in "The Little Minister" and had a major part in "Belle of Barcelona."

"Being selected May Queen was just unreal. I had carried the crown for the Queen when I was a small child. I still had the pillow the crown was carried on and it is now in the Memorabilia Room in Burton Library.

"When I was crowned, Earl Laird Jr. carried the crown for me. It was a great and beautiful day," Denson said.

Denson fondly recalled her time in the classroom as well.

"I learned a lot at East Central," she said. "You had to do your work. There were no freebies; you just had to do it. We studied and did exactly as the teachers instructed. We didn't wait until the day before either. You had to study and be ready. The teachers were hard, but we respected them."

Among those who taught Denson were English instructor Mrs. W. W. Newsome, psychology instructor Mrs. Janie Sullivan and librarian Mrs. Ethel Burton. Dr. L. O. Todd was serving as president of the College at that time. Following her graduation from East Central Junior College, Denson completed her bachelor's degree in English/French at the University of Mississippi. She has completed additional graduate work at the University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Denson is a lifetime member of the ECCC Alumni Association and the University of Mississippi Alumni Association. She is a member and past president of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Newton County Republican Women and Mississippi Republican Women.

She is past president of the Newton County Ladies Golf Association and the Briarwood Ladies Golf Association in

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# Alumnus of the Year Helped Put Man on the Moon

Three decades ago, as the nation watched Neil Armstrong become the first man on the moon Richard E. "Dick" Mayo (Class of 1955) of Decatur, East Central Community College's 2008 Alumnus of the Year, had a personal stake in the mission.

"I sat up all night and watched it. I'll never forget sitting there, waiting until Neil Armstrong stepped out, and it was all working," he stated in an article in the 1989 Ole Miss Alumni Review.

As a young engineer, Mayo joined the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., and was then selected in 1962 as subsystem manager responsible for developing the Environmental Control Subsystem (life support) for the Apollo Lunar Module at Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston, Texas.

A few years later, he was selected to lead a group of engineers and technicians assigned to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida who maintained and prepared the space suits and backpacks for the first six manned launches of the Apollo Program.

"We worked closely with the prime and backup crew members to supply the EMU's (Extravehicular Mobility Unit-space suits and life support) for their training and launch checkout exercises," Mayo said.

Mayo's engineering accomplishments weren't privy to only NASA.

"After we had suited up Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Mike Collins for the launch of Apollo 11, I then prepared and operated a rig we constructed to circulate chilled water through tubing in a space suit undergarment we loaned to the ABC science journalist Jules Bergman to wear as he was interviewing Vice President Agnew on an outside platform studio.

"This was the same type of undergarment the astronauts wore on the lunar surface. I was very hot under the July sun, but Bergman was cool," he said.

After 18 months at Kennedy Space Center where they were launching a

*Richard E. "Dick" Mayo ('55)*

manned Saturn vehicle about every two months, Mayo returned to JSC in Houston and was awarded a fellowship to study at Stanford University in California for a year.

"That was a relaxing time for me, and I became re-acquainted with my wife (the former Betty Addy) and two sons (Jeff and Jack) after being away from home so much during the early days of the space program," he said.

From 1970 to 1972, Mayo served as special assistant to the chief, Crew Systems Division and directed efforts to extend the capability of the Apollo EMU for increased lunar exploration time. He served in the mission control center as technical advisor on the EMU during the last several Apollo missions before becoming chief of the Laboratory Operations Office in 1972.

In that capacity, he was responsible for overseeing resources and utilization of all engineering directorate laboratories and test facilities.

"I was also privileged to travel to Moscow, Russia, in 1974 to participate in tests of the Russian Soyuz spacecraft life-support-system as part of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. Years later, I met some of the same Russian engineers when I was writing the Space Station Joint Program Management Agreement for interacting with the Russian Space Agency," he said.

Between 1975 and 1979, Mayo served as Chief of the Johnson Space Center Engineering Division and managed the Construction of Facilities Program.

"I was responsible for the design, construction and maintenance of all facilities at JSC, the White Sands Test Facility in New Mexico, and the contractor operated facilities where the Shuttle was built in Downey, Calif., and Palmdale, Calif. Several technical facilities were constructed during my tenure, including the Lunar Curatorial Facility where the rocks returned from the lunar surface are stored," he said.

From 1979 to 1981 he served as executive assistant to the director of engineering and was technical advisor/chief of staff responsible for assisting the director in the overall management of engineering and technical support for the development of new space vehicles and technology.

As deputy chief, Crew and Thermal Systems Division, from 1981 to 1987, Mayo was responsible for all division testing activities.

His last assignments at NASA were as Director of the European Programs Division of the Space Station Freedom Program Office in Reston, Va., and later as assistant director for Space Station in the Engineering and Development Directorate at JSC.

He retired from NASA Johnson Space Center in 1990 after more than 33 years of federal service.

Mayo continued to work as a space industry consultant with Eagle Engineering and later Muniz Engineering for

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another 12 years before retiring in 2002.

Among Mayo's career influences are Dr. Frank Anderson, long time chairman of the Chemical Engineering Department at Ole Miss, and Ed Smylie, who was his NASA supervisor for a number of years.

"Dr. Anderson had a profound influence on my career as an engineer. In addition to teaching various technical courses like *Heat Transfer and Technical Report Writing*, he also taught a course in *Professional Ethics for Engineers*," Mayo said. "Dr. Anderson was and is widely respected throughout the academic community for being truly interested in his students and follows their careers with much interest.

"My supervisor at NASA for a number of years was Ed Smylie, a fellow Mississippian hailing from Brookhaven. And although I am an Ole Miss Rebel and he went to that other school near Starkville, we had an excellent working relationship. He was really my mentor and guided me through many difficult times and situations. We still keep in touch through e-mail.

"Others with whom I worked closely at NASA during my career may be better known by the public. George Low, the Apollo program manager who later became the deputy administrator of NASA, Christopher Kraft, who was the first NASA flight controller and later was the director of Johnson Space Center and chose me to serve on his immediate staff for a brief period;

Max Faget, the inventor of the Project Mercury spacecraft, Johnson Space Center's Director of Engineering/Development for many years, and who selected me to be his executive assistant for several years; and of course, the astronauts, most notably John Young, who worked jointly with me when he first came to NASA and was the astronaut chosen to monitor development of my subsystem, the Lunar Module ECS."

However, Mayo said his wife has been the greatest influence on his life and career.

"I first met her after I moved to Decatur when in the seventh grade. We began dating in high school and married two years after we both graduated from East Central," he said. "I took a recess from the pursuit of education to work for a while, and she encouraged me to continue my education and worked to support us after I resumed my engineering studies at Ole Miss.

"She also endured many hardships during the times I was traveling away from home and working many long hours during the hectic days of trying to beat the Russians to the moon. She is largely responsible for the excellent upbringing of our two sons."

East Central instructors who made an impression on Mayo included Arno Vincent, L.D. Ferguson, Frank Cross and Una Harris.

"Arno Vincent, who taught me math before he became president of ECJC, had a tremendous influence on my choosing to become an engineer," Mayo said.

"L. D. Ferguson, who was Registrar, also taught me trigonometry and calculus. Both of these men were fantastic teachers and excellent role models.

"I probably spent more classroom and lab time with Frank Cross than any other teacher at East Central, and since I became a chemical engineer, I owe him much appreciation for my academic preparation.

"Although I didn't take freshman English under her, Una Harris had a significant and positive influence on my work habits. She was the sponsor for The Tom-Tom, and I was the staff photographer for three years. She recruited me while I was still in high school."

There were fewer students enrolled at East Central during the '50s than there are today; however, most students lived on campus and were actively involved. Mayo was active in campus life even as a high school student, as his family lived on campus.

"My family lived in an apartment on the ground floor of the original Neshoba County Hall, so I was a part of campus life from about the time I was a high school freshman until I graduated from ECJC in 1955. The average age of the student body was probably a little older than now because of veterans from World War II, and later from the Korean conflict, coming back to school," he said.

As a student at East Central, Mayo was a member of the Glee Club and the Madrigal Singers and served as a photographer for basketball games.

"I remember that we gave performances at all of the high schools in the five counties supporting East Central. The madrigals also traveled to Chattanooga, Tenn., to participate in the Music Educators' National Conference," Mayo said.

He added, "Basketball was BIG at East Central when Denver Brackeen and others came back from National Guard activation during the Korean conflict. Of course, I didn't play, but I photographed most of the games for The Tom-Tom and local newspapers."

In addition to his extracurricular activities, Mayo was selected as the first president of Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. He was later honored as one of Theta Xi's distinguished chapter alumni as well as Phi Theta Kappa International's Outstanding Alumnus.

During his tenure, he received various awards from NASA including the Exceptional Service Medal in 1988. He received the United Daughters of the Confederacy Pioneers in Space Award in 2006.

Mayo is a past member of the Engineering School Advisory Board at the University of Mississippi and is a member of the Woods Order at Ole Miss. He currently serves as president of the Decatur Chapter of Lions Club International and is an active member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur.

He and his wife, Betty, also a 1955 ECJC graduate, have two sons. Col. Jeff Mayo is vice commander of the 66th Air Base Wing at Hanscom AFB, Mass. He and his wife, Stacey, have two sons: Benjamin is on an AFROTC scholarship at Baylor University and will be a junior this fall and Walter will be a high school senior and lives with his parents in Bedford, Mass. Jack Mayo is a market research associate

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# Previous ECCC Alumni Honorees

***Alumni of the Year***

1964-B.O. Smith, Louisville
1965-Lucille Wood, Decatur
1966-Henry D. Horton, Louisville
1967-Crowley Alford, Carthage
1968-W.H. Johnson Jr., Decatur
1969-Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia
1970-Leon Sims, Philadelphia
1971-Charles Carter, Jackson
1972-Dr. William L. Weems, Jackson
1973-Arno Vincent, Meridian
1974-Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
1975-W.C. Spence, Walnut Grove
1976-John Risher, Philadelphia
1977-Jessie M. Everett, Decatur
1978-Class of 1928, First Class
1979-Glen D. Walker, Union
1980-Russell Walton, Union
1981-Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
1982-Denver Brackeen, Union
1983-Frank Hunter, Brookhaven
1984-Herman Alford, Philadelphia
1985-Carl B. Cooper, Decatur
Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washinton, D.C.
1986-Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia
Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
1987-Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur
Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, Ala.
1988-Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville
Dr. Vernie Prevost, Hixon, Tenn.
1989-Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur
Dr. Walterine Herrington Bell, Jackson
1990-Larry Hogue, Flowood
Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
1991-Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond
Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur
1992-Earl Marshall, Clinton
June Bailey, Biloxi
1993-Melvin Tingle, Decatur
Patsy Dunigan Clark, Louisville
1994-Paul V. Breazeale, Jackson
Jane Todd Gurry, Raleigh, N.C.
1995-Dr. John Gipson, Newton
Wanda Comans Sharp, Sebastopol
1996-Ray Britt, Walnut Grove
Brenda Whatley Kirby, Forest
1997--Dick Livingston, Pulaski
Carol Farish Vickers, Decatur
1998-T.H. "Tam" Etheridge, Jackson
Nell Allen Rogers, Philadelphia
1999-Dr. Shelby L. Harris, Decatur
Illene Richie Gordon, Union
2000-LeBrun Hutchison, Littleton, Colo.
Jeanette Beavers Thrash, Decatur
2001-Dr. Joe Todd, Cincinatti, Ohio
Betty Lewis Gomillion, Walnut Grove
2002-Harvey Trapp, Newton
Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville
2003-Dr. Milton Matthews, Pearl
Frances Harris Smith, Decatur
2004-Dr. John G. Hollingsworth, Commerce Ga.
Ann Hunter Burkes, Decatur
2005-Bill Lovett, Forest
Maxie Dodson Phillips, University Park, Md.
2006-Judge Marcus D. Gordon, Union
Dr. Sandra Rivers Weeks, Commerce, Texas
2007-Ollie Faye Wood Woodward Flint-Philadelphia
Houston W. Patrick, Martin, Tenn.

***Lifetime Achievement Award***

1991-Dr. Austin P. Boggan, Decatur
1994-Homer Hunter, Decatur
Ovid Vickers, Decatur
1996-W. H. Johnson Jr., Decatur
J.W. Thrash, Decatur
2001-James E. Land, Union

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with IMS Research in Austin, Texas. He and his wife, Tracey, have two children: Emily, 13, and Connor, 9. Both attend public schools in Round Rock, Texas.

Mayo is the son of the late O. B. and Virginia Mayo. Both were employed by the college for a number of years, he as an automotive instructor and she as manager of the student center. The elder Mayo completed his GED when he was 50 years old and graduated from East Central in 1953.

Older brother, Jack (now deceased), sister, Betty Comegys, and younger brother, Dale, all also graduated from East Central.

## DENSON

Meridian.

Denson is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Newton, where she plays the organ.

She is married to Burl Hamrick Denson and they have a daughter, Allyson Denson of Greenville.

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# Former Coach, Athletic Coordinator Selected for Athletic Hall of Fame

A.J. Kilpatrick spent 36 years as a head football coach, successfully guiding community/junior college and high school teams to an overall 238-138-12 record. His resume includes a state junior college championship and several division titles, conference crowns on the high school level and several bowl game victories. He also won championships as a high school basketball and track coach.

Kilpatrick, whose personal honors include his recent induction to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Football Hall of Fame, can add another award to that impressive list, as the Philadelphia native joins other members of East Central Community College's Athletic Hall of Fame.

The 1952 ECCC graduate and former Warrior athletic coordinator/head football coach said he appreciates the honor "very much."

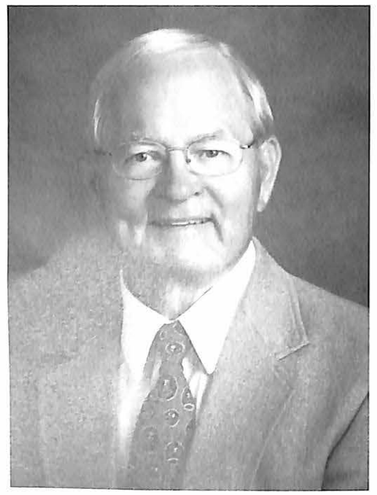
"Although I never really finished the job I would have liked to at East Central in winning a championship, I really appreciate the College remembering me and my family with this award," Kilpatrick said.

"I also want to thank Coach (Lucille) Wood for nominating me and for her influence in my selection to the Athletic Hall of Fame," Kilpatrick said.

In recommending her longtime friend for induction, Wood praised Kilpatrick for his "major contributions to the young people in the state through his coaching and teaching in the high school and community/junior college system."

Kilpatrick's list of personal honors reflects the success he achieved in athletics during his 38-year career.

He was Choctaw Conference "Coach of the Year" in 1961 and 1965 and received additional "Coach of the Year" recognition from the Commercial Dispatch in 1965; WLBT-TV, in 1967; Northeast Mississippi Athletic Conference, in 1974; Jackson Jaycees, in 1968; National High School Athletic Coaches



*A.J. Kilpatrick ('52)*

Association (Southeastern Regional District IV), in 1981; Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association, in 1981; and Jackson Daily News, in 1983. He was inducted into the Mississippi Association Coaches Hall of Fame in 1986.

His list of service to various coaches' associations is also extensive and includes a term as president of the Mississippi Junior College Coaches' Association in 1978-79.

Although he enjoyed a long, successful coaching career, Kilpatrick said he has greater pride "in seeing how the young men and women that I coached become successful in whatever field they chose to follow."

Kilpatrick's success in athletics first began when he was a standout athlete at Philadelphia High School.

He received All-State and All-Choctaw Conference honors in basketball his junior year and helped lead the Tornadoes to the conference championship and an appearance in the overall state tournament. He also made the All-Conference football squad his senior season.

The 1950 graduate received a football scholarship to the University of Mississippi, which he regards as his "biggest accomplishment" as an athlete. Kilpatrick was signed by the legendary head coach John Vaught.

He played his freshman year at Ole Miss and returned for his sophomore season. But after one week of practice, Kilpatrick left the Rebel squad.

"Versie and I married during the summer of 1951, prior to my sophomore year," Kilpatrick said. "And since Coach Vaught did not allow married players on his teams, I transferred to East Central."

Kilpatrick excelled in football and basketball at East Central; however, a football injury near the end of his sophomore season cut his career short.

Kilpatrick transferred to the University of Southern Mississippi, and received a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1954. He would later earn a master's degree in school administration (1971) from Mississippi College.

He began his coaching career in 1954 as an assistant at J.Z. George High School in Carrollton. He helped lead the Senators to the Cotton Bowl Conference championship his first year and the conference runner-up title the following year. The team's two-year record when he was on staff was 14-7. He also served as head basketball coach and led the 1954-55 men's team to the Cotton Bowl Conference title.

Kilpatrick's first stint as a head football coach was at Noxubee High School in Macon in 1955. He successfully led the Tigers for 10 seasons, capturing two Choctaw Conference titles en route to an overall 76-21-5 record. Honors received during this period include his selection as assistant football coach of the North High School All-Stars in 1962. Kilpatrick also served as Noxubee's head basketball coach and led the 1965-66 men's team to conference and district

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# Clark Posthumously Named To Athletic Hall of Fame

Audrey Clark well remembers the day her late husband Jamie Clark received word that he was selected as East Central Community College's new baseball coach.

"I was outside working in the yard at our home in Clarksdale when the phone rang," Audrey recalled. "After a few minutes I heard the loudest scream ever. I ran inside and found Jamie jumping up and down and yelling 'I got it, I got it!' Working at East Central was truly his dream job and one he devoted himself to heart and soul."

Jamie's "dream job" proved most successful for the West Point native, as he led the Diamond Warriors to a first-ever state title in 1998 en route to a 32-22 record. Clark was named "MACJC Baseball Coach of the Year" following the successful campaign.

Clark, who began his tenure in 1988, led the ECCC baseball program through the 2001 campaign, amassing an overall 365-302-1 record. Clark's first ECCC squad went 17-25 and followed by 11 straight non-losing seasons the 1991 team went 20-20. The most wins came in 1997, when the Diamond Warriors – led by current major leaguer Marcus Thames of the Detroit Tigers- posted a record 40 wins and finished state runners-up.

In recognition of his success in leading the Diamond Warrior program, Clark is being inducted posthumously into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming activities on Sept. 27, 2008. Audrey and several family members plan to attend the ceremony and accept the award on his behalf.

"This is so wonderfully deserving," Audrey said of Jamie's selection to the Athletic Hall of Fame. "My feelings, as well as our kids' feelings, are so overwhelming and emotional concerning this honor."

Audrey said East Central "was not just a job to Jamie, it was his life living out his dream. He loved coaching baseball at East Central and loved being a

*Jamie Clark*

part of the ECCC family."

Audrey, a fourth-grade teacher in Austin, Texas, said Jamie touched lives on and off the field.

"Jamie was an amazing coach on the field but also an amazing leader off the field," she said. "I feel those who played for him left ECCC a much better person. He often said that his successes were the successes of those who played for him."

She added, "Jamie began a respectable baseball program at East Central and I'm sure he is looking down smiling at Neal (Holliman) and all the improvements being made (with the baseball program). Jamie lived his life with dignity and honor, and I am so blessed that he shared his life with me. I know he will always be remembered and that his legacy will live on through those whose lives were touched by him."

Jamie's coaching career began on the high school level, with stints at Marvell, Ark.; Humphreys Academy in Belzoni; and Southland (Missouri) High School. The Delta State University graduate led Humphreys Academy to three state runners-up titles and his Southland High School squad placed third in the Missouri State Championship.

One aspiring goal that Clark had yet to achieve was winning a Region 23 title, although his teams appeared in five region tournaments. He was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor prior to the 2001 season and lost his battle to cancer at age 49 later that year on July 18. The Diamond Warrior stadium was named in his honor the following year. Clark's jersey #41 was also retired and is prominently displayed in the lobby of the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. A replica of the jersey is displayed on the right field fence at Clark Stadium.

Sportswriter Marty Stamper, in an article following Clark's death, quoted his friend's explanation for not capturing a Region crown.

"We're just two players away… ,"Stamper said Clark told him on several occasions, and following a long pause gave the following answer: "Babe Ruth and Cy Young!"

"Clark is probably busy now trying to get those two on his team," Stamper wrote. "Joe Dimaggio, Mickey Mantle and Eddie Matthews are probably high on his list of recruits, too. Can't you imagine Jamie trying to get the Babe to make curfew? Or maybe lead off an inning with a bunt? Yet you know he'd try."

Stamper also noted in his article that baseball games "were only a small part" of Clark's legacy, as indicated by the number of former Diamond Warriors who selected coaching as a career.

One such coach is Brian Hardy, who served as co-captain with Ron Perkins of Louisville on the 1998 state championship squad, which is also being honored at Homecoming. Hardy, a product of Philadelphia High School, is in his ninth year at Madison Central High School, where he serves as pitching coach. He helped lead Madison Central to the 2002

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titles and three invitational tournament crowns en route to a 24-4 record.

"In addition to winning championships," Kilpatrick said, "another highlight of my basketball coaching career at Noxubee was beating my hometown Philadelphia team, which was coached by Frank Hodges, one of the best basketball coaches in the state."

Kilpatrick's girls' track teams at Noxubee also received honors by capturing three state titles, six district championships and a conference crown.

"One of the major highlights of my career as a player and coach involved the Choctaw Conference," Kilpatrick stated. "Winning a conference title as a basketball player then capturing conference championships in football, basketball and track was very special," Kilpatrick said.

He left Macon in 1965 for Jackson Wingfield, where his three-year mark as the new school's first head football coach was 16-13-2 and included a South Big 8 Conference co-championship in 1968. He also served as head coach for the South High School All-Stars in the summer of 1968.

Kilpatrick began his community/junior coaching career in 1969 at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, leading the Lions to a 16-4 record and the MACJC North Division title.

"Although I followed a widely-known coach in 'Bull' Sullivan," Kilpatrick said, "we had great success and won a division championship." He also served as athletic director while at EMCC.

He returned to high school competition in 1971 and led the Louisville Wildcats to a 34-5-1 record and two Choctaw Conference crowns and the Northwest Athletic Conference championship.

He left Louisville in 1975 and returned to the community college setting where he again found success. He led Northwest Mississippi Community College to a 26-13-2 mark during his four-year tenure and a MACJC North Division title. He was also athletic director at Northwest.

Kilpatrick took over the football program at Hickory High School for the 1979-80 season, during which the Bulldogs finished 4-5.

He coached the Holmes Community College football teams from 1980-82, and led the Bulldogs to the 1981 state championship and a berth in the Garland Junior College Bowl in Garland, Texas. His two-year record at Holmes was 15-8.

"We knew we had a good team coming back for the 1981 season," Kilpatrick recalled. "We had a good team the year before and got beat in the playoffs by Gulf Coast on a missed extra point."

He said after Holmes beat Northwest on their campus the second game of the season, "we knew we had something special if we could keep everybody healthy and focused."

Kilpatrick said the Bulldogs won four games by a field goal or less, which included a narrow 10-7 win in the season opener over East Central, coached by Ken Pouncey.

Kilpatrick completed his coaching career at East Central, serving from the fall of 1982 to the spring of 1992. His final season was the 1991 campaign.

One of his coaching highlights at East Central was beating Northwest in the season opener in 1987.

"Beating Northwest on opening night in 1987 at East Central was very special," he said. "We won a very close game (17-16) after stopping them from scoring on a goal-line stand."

"However," he added, "they beat us in the playoff game after we were unable to score from inside their 10-yard-line for the possible winning touchdown in the final minute. Northwest won the state title the following week. I really thought that Northwest and East Central were the top two teams that year."

East Central completed the 1987 campaign with a 7-4 record.

Kilpatrick was unable to lead the Warriors to another post-season berth. He said when he took over the ECCC program, he knew winning would be a challenge, mainly due to the small recruiting district.

"We did not have as extensive a recruiting district as the other junior colleges at that time," Kilpatrick stated. "We worked very hard to get our recruiting district expanded... but were not able to take advantage of the additional players EC was eventually allowed to sign from Alabama."

Thanks mainly to Kilpatrick, ECCC's recruiting district for football includes Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, from where 10 players are considered as in-district signees each year. Other small community and junior colleges have also benefitted from Kilpatrick's efforts in revising the recruiting process.

When he left EC, Kilpatrick said he had several offers to continue coaching, "but I was afraid it might affect my state retirement. Plus, I have really enjoyed watching my grandkids grow up and following their participation in sports."

Kilpatrick's family includes two sons and a daughter. Andrew (Andy) James Kilpatrick Jr., an attorney in Jackson, is married to the former Debbie Martin of Grenada. James Lewis Kilpatrick of Batesville, who is deceased, was married to the former Patsy Float and had two children, Stephanie Kilpatrick and James (J.J.) Lewis Kilpatrick. Sandra Kilpatrick Jones works for the USDA-Rural Developmental Agency in Grenada and is married to Tommy Jones. They have two children, Casey Lee Jones and Katie Lee Jones.

The Kilpatricks are members of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Grenada.

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# *Previous Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees*

2007" Joy Eichelberger Hanna, Gaines Massey and Dr. Clyde Muse
2006: Melvin Carpenter and Wilmer James
2005: Bob Tom Johnson and Lucy Young
2004: Marcus Mann and Ken Pouncey
2003: Roy Baker, Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Rex Keeton and Mark Killens
2002: Freddie J. Bagley, James E. "Jim" Nabers, and Robert L. Thomas
2001: Charles Payne, Sammy Pace, and Willie "Tenny" Coats
2000: Billy Ray Dill, Sue Gunter and Jimmy Rea
1999: Charles E. Ward, Daisy Kate Williams Chaney and Sam Rutigliano
1998: Van Chancellor, Deborah Norwood Duncan and Howard Sessums
1997: Tommy Williamson Alfonso, Lester Baucum, and James L. "Creeper" Nelson
1996: M.E. "Boe" Davis, Malcolm Phillips, Julie Latham and John W. Golden
1995: Clayton Blount, Nan Huston Keenan and James T. "Jim" Wood
1994: Charlie Hope, Charlene Jones Bates and Malcolm "Puddin" Jones
1993: Louis V. Watwood, Barbara Jo Davidson Russell and Esther Thomas Coleman
1992: Joe Clark, Evelyn Bender and Dr. Bert Thompson
1991: Diana Lyons Jones, Larry Henderson and Wayne Tullos
1990: Richard Harris, Jeff Loper and Sherrell Ray Marshall
1989: Lamar Blount, Earl Marshall and Arno Vincent
1988: Howard Sessums
1987: Billy Wayne Baucum
1986: Lucille Wood
1985: Denver Brackeen

## CLARK

State 5A Championship and runner-up titles in 2006 and 2007.

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He continued, "Coach Clark was famous for taking average players and making them beyond their potential. Looking back he had to, because the district around East Central is made up of small high schools that produced a lot of 'scrappy' players who aren't scared of working hard. He knew that was the case and more importantly he knew how to coach that type of player."

Hardy said Clark gave him some advice one day that he will never forget.

"He said, 'There are three ways to get a player to work hard: you can be in his face all the time; you can pat him on the back and encourage him; or you can ignore him.' He went on to say that the hardest job for a coach is to find out which one of those approaches works for each player. I use that advice daily in my coaching efforts."

Added current ECCC head softball coach Scott Hill, a member of Clark's 1989 Diamond Warrior squad:

"He was extremely passionate about his job and left a lasting impression upon so many individuals that had a chance to be around him. He was a mentor to me as well as many others that attended this College and played for him. Coach Clark accepted a great responsibility in bringing the Warrior program baseball team to respectability. He definitely achieved this by his record and through the many post-season appearances."

Holliman, who began his coaching career as an assistant to Clark on the 1998 championship team, said of his former head coach:

"Jamie was a unique individual. He was very serious and passionate about what he did, but was also able to keep a sense of humor about him that was great. I truly miss him and owe him a lot for what he has taught me."

Holliman, who led the 2007 Diamond Warriors to the state title in his first year as head coach, said he learned more than just baseball from Coach Clark.

"He taught me more than just coaching; he taught me how to treat people and that there was more to athletics than winning and losing. Although Jamie was very focused on winning and it was very important to him, he was also concerned with developing young men," Holliman said. "He was simply a very honest and simple man. He was and always will be a part of my life. I truly feel part of my drive to continually build this program is because I know the effort and passion he poured into this program."

Audrey said Jamie "would be so grateful and proud" to be included in the College's Athletic Hall of Fame.

"However," she added, "he would make sure this very prestigious recognition would also be shared by those who played for him."

Clark's family includes four children and seven grandchildren. Nicki Clark, Jamie and Audrey's only child, lives in Austin. Billy and Tiffany Turner reside in Slidell, La., and have three sons, Will, Darrien and Drew. Kevin and Lindsey Turner live in Austin, Texas, and have two daughters, Grace and Anna Claire, and a son, Alex. Daniel and Leslie Turner are residents of Charlotte, N.C. and have a son, Evan.

# Former Players Reflect on Winning ECCC's First State Baseball Title

## *Members of the 1998 Squad Among Special Groups Being Honored at Homecoming*

Expectations were not very high for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors as they prepared for the 1998 campaign.

Only one starter – outfielder Eric Weaver of Newton – returned from the previous year's squad, which set a school record 40 victories and finished state runners-up. Every starter signed a scholarship with a senior college. One of the standouts on the 1997 squad was Marcus Thames of Louisville, who was drafted by the New York Yankees and is now in his third year as a Detroit Tiger.

*The 1998 Diamond Warriors celebrate the College's first state baseball title. Team members and their respective home towns included Ron Perkins, Louisville; Danny Rushing, Edinburg; Rusty Cumberland, B. J. Morrow, Dennis McDill, Brian Hardy, Jason Willis, Paul Clearman and Zach Sanders, all of Philadelphia; Dustin Matthews, Monroe, La.; Jay McLendon, Belzoni; Clark Tyson, Jonesboro, Ark.; Chris Tullos, Union; Justin Chaney, Little Rock; Linzy Gressett and Michael Hall, both of Carthage; Joey Allen, Junction City, Ark.; Eric Weaver, Newton; P. J. Pearson and Greg Wood, both of Decatur; Chad Champion, Holt, Ala.; Brodie Meadows, Brandon; Bo Grace and Scott Stephens, both of Meridian; Dan Gressett, Lake; Joey Smith, Hickory; and Scott Hebert, New Iberia, La. Jamie Clark was head coach and assistants were Neal Holliman and Lee Eady. Jesse Van Etten served as*

***Ron Perkins***

"It was only natural to not have high expectations," said Ron Perkins of Louisville, who played shortstop and shared captain duties during the championship season with pitcher Brian Hardy, a Philadelphia High School product.

But then head coach Jamie Clark – who lost his battle with cancer in 2001 - wanted to make sure each player had the right mindset to win a championship.

"I well remember the first day of fall practice," Perkins recalled. "Coach (Neal) Holliman had just joined the staff and it was raining heavily. We had a team meeting in the Brackeen-Wood gym because of the rain and we all thought we would do nothing else that day. But at the end of the meeting Coach Clark said, 'Boys, you know what happens when it rains, don't you? You get wet!'

Perkins said the team ran about 20 sprints in the pouring rain!

"And from that day on," Perkins continued, "we heard about how Gulf Coast wasn't running in the rain. We were constantly compared to Gulf Coast because we knew if we were going to win a state championship that we were going to have to go through them to do it."

Perkins said the coaching staff "worked us so hard that mentally we thought there was nothing we couldn't overcome. We ran, lifted, ran, lifted, then ran some more."

He added, "There were days Coach Clark and Coach Holliman would try to break us during the fall, but that team was determined. Brian Hardy and some of the other guys demonstrated great leadership throughout the season. Even though we worked hard, practice was fun every day. Paul Clearman, Rusty Cumberland, Eric Weaver and probably myself talked so much trash to each other. Still today many of those teammates are some of my best friends."

***Brian Hardy***

Hardy echoed Perkins' comments about Coach Clark's approach to fall practice.

"We started the fall in classic Clark fashion.... RUNNING and more RUNNING," Hardy emphasized.

In analyzing the 1998 team 10 years later, Hardy said what the players lacked in talent they made up by determination.

"We weren't really that great of a ball team," Hardy stated. "But Coach Clark convinced us that we were best JUCO baseball team in the state. I believe what made the difference that year was that we hated to lose more than we wanted to win. Every game actually mattered to that team. As a high school coach now, I realize how rare that type of team is. No one from the 1998 team seemed to worry about future scholarships, personal performances and other thoughts that 'distract' teams from winning. We really just loved playing ball."

Holliman, who has now been a part

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of two state championship squads after leading the Diamond Warriors to the 2007 title in his first year as head coach, provided his insight of the magical 1998 campaign.

"That season was my first year of coaching and from playing for several years and understanding how hard championships are to win, I knew I was very fortunate to be a part of something special early in my coaching career," he said.

"It was a year of ups and downs until about two-thirds of the way through the season, and then our team became extremely focused and all got on the same page. It was a very special group to be a part of. Once we found everyone's niche and how they fit into the whole scheme, things began to explode. This was a group of men that played really well together and accomplished something others thought could not be done by them."

Going into the season, Perkins said everyone considered "pitching and defense" as the team's strengths. "And if we could score runs, we knew we could win a lot of games," he said.

Perkins noted that Jason Willis of Philadelphia and Dan Gressett of Lake were considered the team's top two starters and could dominate a game.

Regarding season competition, Hardy said the team split "a lot" of early doubleheaders, which prompted Coach Clark to tell his squad midway through the season, "You're the worst team since the Civil War." Hardy stated Coach Clark "had a way of making you feel really small sometimes" but he realized that what Coach Clark was doing was simply "making his point."

Clark evidently "made his point" to team members during a key doubleheader late in the season with Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. "If I remember correctly," Hardy said, "all we had to do was split to make the state tournament. However, if we got swept by them, we don't go at all." We won both games and clinched the second spot in the South Division behind Gulf Coast. "

Perkins chimed in that third baseman B.J. Morrow of Philadelphia "made one of the best plays I have ever seen" to win the first game by a one-run margin, thus qualifying the Diamond Warriors for post-season play.

EC also won the second game and following the sweep, Hardy said Coach Clark told the team they would win the state tournament. "I will never forget that," Hardy stated.

*Ron Perkins is congratulated by teammates after scoring the go-ahead run at 9-8 during a 10-run, sixth-inning rally that led to the Diamond Warriors 15-8 victory over Gulf Coast for the 1998 MACJC Baseball State Championship.*

The Diamond Warriors brought a 29-20 record into the state tournament, which was held at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba. EC won the first game against the host Lions and rallied to beat Gulf Coast in the second contest. EC faced Gulf Coast again for the MACJC State Championship on Sunday, May 3.

The Bulldog offense got off to solid start and led 8-3 after five innings. But the Diamond Warriors rallied for 10 runs in the top of the sixth. Joey Smith of Hickory began the comeback with a home run and finished 4-for-4 in the championship battle.

Greg Wood of Decatur belted his second homer of the game – a two-run blast that cut the Gulf Coast lead to 8-6. A two-run double by Bo Grace (now deceased) of Meridian brought home Clark Tyson of Jonesboro, Ark., and Perkins, giving EC the lead for good at 9-8. Smith followed with a double to score Grace, and Chad Champion of Holt, Ala., doubled to center field scoring Smith.

An RBI single by Dustin Matthews of Monroe, La., ended the scoring onslaught and gave EC a 13-8 advantage. The Diamond Warriors scored two "insurance" runs in the top of the ninth and held on to claim the College's first state crown in baseball.

Hardy recalled that prior to the final out being made, Coach Clark walked down the right field line away from all the action.

"I asked him later why he did that," Hardy said, to which Coach Clark replied: "I just wanted to see how you guys were going to react."

"Even in the most exciting time of his baseball career at East Central, Coach Clark was thinking about us," Hardy said.

After the final out was made, Perkins said the coaching staff- which also included assistant Lee Eady- "just stayed in the dugout."

"I remember seeing tears in Coach Clark's eyes," Perkins said. "He was obviously very proud of what we had accomplished. The one phase that best described this team is, 'Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.'"

The winning pitcher was freshman Danny Rushing, a walk-on from Edinburg, who earned his first victory after entering the game in the third inning with the bases loaded and the game tied at 3-3. After giving up five runs in the fifth, Rushing shut down the Bulldog offense, finishing with six strikeouts and allowing just one walk in six and two-thirds innings.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say I was nervous coming in with the bases loaded in the championship game of

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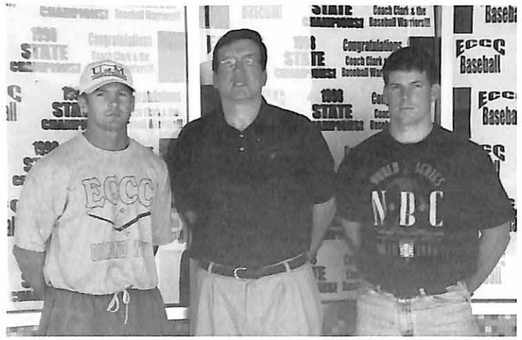

*Jamie Clark (center) and assistants Lee Eady (left) and Neal Holliman are shown in front of the bookstore window display signifying the Warriors' 1998 State Championship.*

the tournament," Rushing said in a post-game interview with then Meridian Star sports writer Murray Coleman who contributed information for this article. "It was the toughest situation I've faced all year."

After the game, Coach Clark told Rushing that in addition to winning the state title game, he had earned a scholarship for the next season!

Hardy said Coach Clark had decided to put Danny in the game "because he was the only one that went to church that morning." Known for his faithful church attendance, Rushing rushed back to Edinburg soon after the championship game to attend an evening service. In a recent interview with Rushing, he provided the following comment about the championship game:

"It was the most important game I have been involved in my whole baseball career. Coming from a small school like Edinburg, I never thought I would have the chance to do something of that magnitude. For lack of better words it was AWESOME! The guys I had the chance to play with that year and the next year at East Central will never be forgotten."

East Central advanced to the Region 23 Tournament at Meridian Community College and finished with a 32-22 mark. Post-season honors went to Dan Gressett, who garnered All-Region 23 and first-team All-State recognition; Jason Willis, who made All-Region 23; and Greg Wood, who was a first team All-State selection. Willis was also selected most valuable player and Wood was named best offensive player. Also receiving team honors were Chris Tullos of Union, most improved; Ron Perkins of Louisville, best defensive player; Brian Hardy of Philadelphia, "Exemplary Player of the Year."

***ABOUT JAMIE CLARK...***

When asked what it was like coaching with Jamie Clark, Holliman simply stated, "What an experience!"

"Jamie was a unique individual. He was very serious and passionate about what he did, but was also able to keep a sense of humor about him that was great. I truly miss him and owe him a lot for what he has taught me," Holliman said.

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Perkins, who described his ECCC years "as some of the best in my life," said Coach Clark and Coach Holliman "taught me life lessons that I did not realize at the time. Nothing is given to you whether in baseball or in life. You have to work hard to achieve great things."

Perkins works as a diabetes care specialist for Novo Nordisk. He and his wife Emily have a daughter, AnnCarter Perkins.

Hardy probably summed it best about his former head coach:

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Hardy is married to the former Allison Beazley of Crystal Springs. They have an infant son, Brooks. Hardy helped lead Madison Central to the 2002 State 5A Championship and runner-up titles in 2006 and 2007. He also teaches drivers' education. He is in his ninth year at the school.

Rushing, when asked about his former head coach, provided the following statement:

"What can I say....he was always Coach Clark. No matter what was going on, he remained the same," Rushing said. "There are many lessons I learned from my time at EC. In just the first few months I learned probably more about baseball than I ever imagined. But also, I learned some life lessons as well. He not only taught us about the game, but about life, at least for me he did."

Rushing has been working off-shore for about four years. He has a son, Jordan.

The 1998 Diamond Warriors are among special groups being honored during the College's homecoming celebration scheduled Saturday, September 27. Coach Clark is being inducted posthumously into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.





# Former ECCC Tennis Players To Be Honored During Homecoming

Former East Central Community College tennis players are among special groups being honored during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Sept. 28. And according to one former coach, the recognition is well-deserved and long overdue.

"I think it's a very good idea to recognize our former tennis players," said Lucille Wood, longtime ECCC staff member who served as women and men's tennis coach from 1958-76 in addition to her successful career as women's basketball coach.

"I also think that tennis players should be considered for our Athletic Hall of Fame," she stated, "because we have had a lot of good tennis players on this campus."

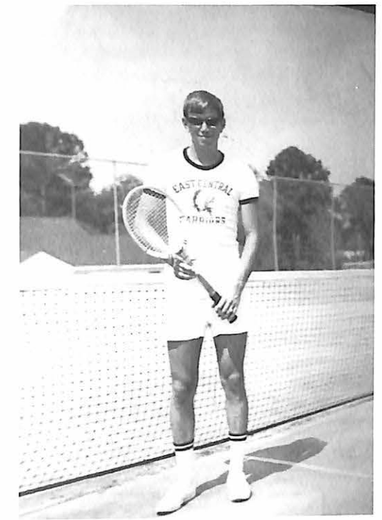
Included in the list of award-winning tennis players are state singles champions Lamar Buntyn of Morton (1961-1962),Tommy Irby, also of Morton (1968), Wanda Elliott Nowell of Neshoba Central (1968) and Julie Latham of Morton (1977), all coached by Wood. Tommy McCool and Charles McAdory, both of Louisville, won the state doubles title in 1977. Joe Clark served as coach and led the program from 1976-95.

Other tennis coaches include Natalie Vance, 1995-97; Marty Cooper, 1997-98; Jay Bowen, 1998-2001; Brad Hodge, 2001-2005; Mike Volarvich, 2005-2006; and Susan Fox-Smith, 2006-2007. Current coaches are Kyle Watson and Dianne and Pat O'Neill.

Wood recalled that she started coaching tennis at the request of students. She had coached the Copiah-Lincoln teams for three years prior to joining the East Central staff.

"Students came to me wanting to start a tennis team, so that's what we did," she said. "And many had never even played tennis prior to being on the team. They were just good athletes and good students who wanted to be involved in campus activities."

One such student was Julie Latham, who won a state singles title as stated above. She was also a standout member of the women's basketball team and was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996.



*Tommy Irby of Morton is shown the year he won a state singles title in 1968.*

"Julie was like a lot of other students who participated in the sport for the enjoyment and competition," she said. "Scholarships were not provided and we did not even have uniforms."

Wood, who coached men and women's squads, was also instrumental in organizing the sport for team competition as it is today.

"We worked with coaches at some of the other junior colleges to make tennis a team sport, not just an event for individuals to compete," she said. "And each college had to participate in a certain number of matches during the season to qualify for the state tournament."

Wood said she began playing tennis when she was a student at East Central.

"Mr. (Frank) Leatherwood, who was the biology teacher, worked with us and was considered the College's first tennis coach," she said. "We played on a dirt court where Newsome Hall is located today. The facilities were obviously not the best we had a lot of fun and enjoyed the competition."

Tennis competition has obviously changed through the years, from playing on a dirt surface to a smooth acrylic surface over concrete. Scholarships are provided and players compete in uniform. Efforts to improve the tennis facility at East Central are currently underway.

"The College has been working over the last several months to develop a plan to renovate the existing courts," said ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. With these proposed renovations, we hope to bring the College's tennis program to the level of other Mississippi community and junior colleges."

Dr. Sutphin said the "most current needs" include resurfacing the present courts and adding bleachers, backboards, water fountains and other court amenities when funding is available.

"Funding received will be used to resurface the four existing courts including: filling and leveling all cracks and low areas; installing a coat of acrylic resurfacer; installing coats of acrylic color; and installing white textured playing lines," said Dr. Sutphin. Cost to complete the project is estimated at $20,000.

For more information on the tennis team reunion or to contribute to the ECCC Tennis Court Renovation Fund, contact Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

## Homecoming Schedule of Events

## Saturday, September 27

7 a.m. **Homecoming 5K Run and 5K Walk**-North Campus
8:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Bookstore Open**-Eddie M. Smith Student Union
9 a.m. **Homecoming Registration Begins**-East Mall Patio near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria
**Refreshments Available on the East Mall**
9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Memorabilia Room Open**-Burton Library
10 a.m. **Reunion Groups Meet**
*Former Tennis Team Members, Newton Hall, Room 60*
*1998 State Championship Baseball Team, Newton Hall, Room 92*
*Class of 1938, Huff Auditorium, First Floor*
*Class of 1948, Vickers Fine Arts Center, Room 538*
*Class of 1958, Vickers Fine Arts Center, Auditorium*
*Class of 1968, Vickers Fine Arts Center, Room 534*
*Class of 1978, Vickers Fine Arts Center, Room 506*
*Class of 1988, Vickers Fine Arts Center, Room 507*
*Class of 1998, Newton Hall, Room 90*
*Classes of 1957 and 1959, Vickers Fine Arts Center, Auditorium*
10:30 a.m. **Awarding of 50th Anniversary Diplomas to Class of 1958** Vickers Fine Arts Center, Auditorium
11 a.m. **Homecoming Honorees' Meeting**-Mabry Memorial Cafeteria, Gordon Room
**Warrior Club Annual Meeting**-Newton Hall, Room 60
*(All former athletes and current supporters of athletics at East Central.)*
Noon **Alumni Luncheon**-Mabry Memorial Cafeteria
2:30 p.m. **Football Game**-ECCC vs. Southwest
**Halftime Presentation of the Queen and Court**
**Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band**

## ECCC Trustees Honored for Service

Several members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees were honored for years of service during the annual Mississippi Community and Junior College Trustees' Association Conference held in Biloxi. From left are ECCC Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, 40 years; Randal Livingston of Louisville, 20 years; and Board Vice Chairman Jack Winstead of Lawrence, 10 years. The honorees are shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin following the trustees' August meeting on the Decatur campus. Not pictured is Janie Wilbanks of Carthage, who was honored for 15 years of service. Copeland was also elected treasurer of the state trustees' association and is in line to serve as president.





# New Faces Join ECCC Staff

East Central Community College has added several new faces to the staff in recent months. Among them are Christopher Brady, art instructor; Thornese Brooks, secretary to the Dean of Adult and Continuing Education; Kristin Chaney, athletic advisor/assistant coach; Cornelius Gilleylen, assistant men's basketball coach; Gennie Phillips-Odom, publications coordinator; Melanie Pinter, dual enrollment practical nursing instructor; Derek Pouncey, assistant football coach; Lynne Smith, English instructor; and Denita K. Thomas, associate degree nursing instructor.

*Christopher Brady*

Brady previously served as adjunct art instructor at Hinds Community College and Belhaven College. He also taught art classes while a graduate assistant at the University of Mississippi. In addition, he has experience as a web designer, webmaster, graphic artist and photographer.

Brady is recognized in the 2007 Guinness Book of World Records for constructing the longest woodblock print, which measured 281 feet.

A graduate of Forest Hill High School, Brady received a bachelor's degree in studio art from Mississippi College and earned master degrees in art education and fine arts with emphasis in printmaking from Ole Miss.

He is married to the former LeAnne Franklin of Jackson.

*Thornese Brooks*

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Brooks served as an administrative assistant for the Mississippi Development Authority in Jackson. In all, she brings 19 years of secretarial experience to the position.

The Newton native is a graduate of Newton High School. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Management at Belhaven College.

She has a daughter, Courtney Gabrielle.

*Kristin Chaney*

Chaney serves as academic advisor to student-athletes and will be an assistant coach on the Lady Warrior basketball and fast-pitch softball teams led by Bill Smith and Scott Hill, respectively.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Chaney attended the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received master and bachelor's degrees in sports administration in 2008 and 2007, respectively. She was also a standout member of the Lady Eagle basketball team, receiving most valuable player honors following the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons. In addition, she received the Female Student of the Year and Lady Eagle Award in 2006-07. She was also a member of the 2007-08 Lady Eagle softball team.

Chaney is a 2005 honor graduate of ECCC and Hall of Fame member. She is recognized as the College's only two-sport All-American and was selected a National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-American. She finished second in the NJCAA Female Athlete of the Year competition.

Chaney helped lead the 2003-04 Lady Warrior basketball team to the Region 23, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) State and South Division titles and a second-place finish in the Consolation Bracket of the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship in Salina, Kansas. The Lady Warriors, led by former head coach Brad Hodge, completed season action with a 31-4 record and were ranked eighth in the final NJCAA poll. Chaney was named to the All-Region 23 Tournament Team and received first-team All-State recognition. She also received ECCC's "Newcomer of-the-Year" award.

The 2004-05 squad claimed runner-up honors in the Region 23 Tournament and finished 20-10 under Coach Hodge. Chaney's honors included second team All-American, All-Region 23, All-Region 23 Tournament Team, first team All-State and All-Star. In addition, she was chosen the Lady Warriors' most valuable player and was selected team co-captain.

Chaney helped lead the 2004-05 fast-pitch softball team to the MACJC Central Division title and a third-place finish in the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament en route to a record 34 wins and only five losses. She received All-Region 23 and first team All-State and All-Central Division honors following the record-setting campaign. In addition, she received the Lady Diamond Warriors' most valuable offensive and defensive player awards.

She also had success leading the softball squad during her freshman season in 2003-04. East Central finished 26-14 after claiming the MACJC Central Division title and advancing to post-season play. She was one of only three freshmen and the only Mississippian selected second team All-American following the successful season. She also received All-Region 23, All-State and All-Central Division honors in addition to her selection as the Lady Warriors' most valuable player.

A graduate of Newton County High School, she is the daughter of Ricky and Brenda Chaney of Little Rock.

*Cornelius Gilleylen*

Gilleylen served in 2007-08 as an assistant men's basketball coach at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He also has experience working basketball camps at St. Edward's and at ECCC.

Gilleylen, an Amory native, is a former standout at St. Edwards under head coach Ryan Marks, where he helped lead the Hilltoppers to consecutive Heartland Conference Championships and back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history.

The shooting guard served as team captain in 2006-07 and received "Defensive Player of the Year" honors for the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons. He

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finished 14th in the nation in steals in 2006-07 and led the Hilltoppers in free throws at 94 percent. Gilleylen completed his career by finishing second in school history in steals.

He also had a stellar career at Itawamba Community College in Fulton, under former ECCC head coach Marty Cooper. Gilleylen, who played point guard, served as team captain and received the Indian Award in 2004-05. He received the "Defensive Player of the Year" award for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons.

Prior to beginning his college careers, Gilleylen was an All-Conference and All-Division performer at Amory High School, where he also served as team captain and received the best defensive player award.

Gilleylen received a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from St. Edward's University in 2007 and earned an associate's degree from ICC in 2005.

*Gennie Phillips-Odom*

Phillips-Odom will be responsible for supervising production of The Tom-Tom student newspaper and The Wo-He-Lo yearbook. She will also provide assistance in the Office of Public Information.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, she served as editor of The Demopolis Times, a daily newspaper in west Alabama. She recently received various honors including several first-place awards in the Alabama Associated Press Managing Editors Journalism Contest for 2007.

Phillips-Odom is a former managing editor of The Scott County Times in Forest, where she served as a staff writer, assistant editor and managing editor during her five-year tenure.

She is a graduate of Forest High School, where she served as editor of The Rambler yearbook. She served as yearbook co-editor while enrolled at Jones County Junior College and received a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to Allen Odom and is the daughter of David and Glenda Phillips of Forest.

*Melanie Pinter*

Pinter will teach district high school seniors who qualify for the recently implemented Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Practical Nursing Program.

Pinter previously served as chief nurse for District VI of the Mississippi State Department of Health. She also has experience working with dialysis patients, extended care patients and as a medical aid while taking courses for her AAS.

She is a 1994 honor graduate of Forest High School where she was selected to the Hall of Fame. She received an associate's degree from ECCC in 1996 and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Mississippi School of Nursing in Jackson in 1998. She has also completed coursework at the South Central Public Health Leadership Institute at Tulane University in New Orleans and at the Public Health Nurse Academy in Jackson.

She is married to Patrick Pinter and they have a son, Payton.

She is the daughter Pat and Martha Cleveland of Conehatta, formerly of Forest.

*Derek Pouncey*

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Derek Pouncey served from 2006-08 as assistant head coach, line coach and teacher at Kemper County High School.

He was offensive line coach and teacher at Meridian High School in 2005-06 and helped lead the Wildcats to the South State 5A Championship.

Pouncey served the previous year as defensive coordinator, wide receivers coach and teacher for Philadelphia Public Schools.

He is also a former athletic director and head football coach at Northwest Junior High School and was performing arts instructor at Meridian High School from 2000-03. In 2003, he was selected as a Coca Cola National Educator of Distinction.

He began his coaching career in 1998 as an assistant football coach at Kate Griffin Junior High School, when he was also named performing arts instructor at MHS.

A Meridian native, Pouncey is a 1993 graduate of West Lauderdale High School and received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Mississippi College in 1998.

His parents are Curt and Cythia Pouncey of Meridian.

*Lynne Smith*

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Smith served as an English instructor at Quitman High School since 1990. She has also held adjunct positions at Jones County Junior College, Meridian Community College and ECCC.

A graduate of Quitman High School, Smith received bachelor and master's degrees in English from the University of Southern Mississippi and earned an educational specialist degree in English from Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus.

She is married to Gregory Smith and they have four children, Mark, 21; Matthew, 19; Eden, five; and Jesse Quinton, two.

*Denita Thomas*

Prior to her selection, Thomas served as family nurse practitioner at Neshoba Pediatric Medical Clinic in Philadelphia. She is also a former director of nursing for Louisville Group Homes-Hudspeth Center and served as a home health nurse for Magna Home Health in Philadelphia.

She holds membership in several professional organizations, including Mississippi Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, Pulmonary Hypertension Association and the Gamma Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She is a lifetime member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Thomas is a 1990 graduate of Noxapater High School where she was selected class valedictorian. She received an associate's degree in nursing from

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# 'Follow Your Dreams,' GED Graduate Tells Audience

Ashley Crapps of Philadelphia dropped out of high school because she thought she "knew everything" and school "was not important."

Sherelle Parker of Lawrence, also a high school dropout, thought an education "was not necessary" until she was unable to help her stepson with his homework.

Russell Martin of Harperville left school in hopes of working fulltime with his father while also being a home school student. "I spent more time working and less time studying," said the 18-year-old Martin.

*GED (General Educational Development) graduates (second from left) Sherelle Parker of Lawrence, Ashley Crapps of Philadelphia and Russell Martin of Harperville provided testimonials during commencement activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured with the graduates are State Senator Giles Ward (left) of Louisville, guest speaker; and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin who presented diplomas to the 45 students participating in the annual ceremony.*

What these three had in common was that all came to the same conclusion: to succeed in life they needed to return to school and get their high school diplomas.

All three accomplished their goal and were among the 45 GED (General Educational Development) graduates who received diplomas during the annual ceremony held July 24, 2008, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

But not only did they walk across the Huff Auditorium stage with fellow graduates, they all shared their personal stories through testimonials.

In Ashley's case, she quit school at age 17 prior to her senior year in 2003-04 at Neshoba Central. She moved to Houma, La., with her boyfriend but soon realized she had made a mistake and wanted to return to school. But since she had missed several weeks of classes, she would have to wait until the following year to begin her senior year.

So she remained in Houma for about two years, working at various jobs. During this time she had a son. She and her boyfriend also parted ways. She returned to Philadelphia in 2006 and found employment at minimum wage jobs.

Crapps said she began taking GED classes in March 2007 at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center. She said she passed the exam following "a lot of prayer and studying" in October 2007.

The 22-year-old plans to enroll in EC this fall. Her career goal is to become a medical lab technician.

"It's never too late for change.... never too late to get an education," Crapps stated.

Parker, 24, is married and has two stepsons and a daughter. She said receiving an education has been a life-long challenge.

"When I was in the first grade, I was diagnosed with dyslexia, which of course meant I had difficulty reading numbers and letters," she explained. "The disorder made learning for me a little different, to say the least."

Parker remained in school until the end of the 10th grade. She took the GED test several times but was not successful. She got a job in retail and received a promotion about the same time she married Keith Parker who had two sons. A year later she and Keith had a girl, Chyann, who is now three years old.

Parker recalled her life "was fine" until one night she was unable to help her younger stepson, Kelly, who was 15 years old at the time, with his homework.

"It was at that moment when I realized I did not want to be an hourly-retail employee my whole life," she stated. Parker said she also realized if something happened to her current job, "it would be very difficult to find employment without starting at rock bottom again since I did not have an education."

In August 2007, she resumed taking GED classes offered during evening hours on the ECCC campus. She admitted it was not an easy time for her and her family.

"It was very hard to fit any time in for classes and studying since I was a full-time manager, a full-time mamma to a two-year-old, a step-mom to two teenage boys that always seemed hungry and a wife to my husband that depended on me for supper," she stated.

But three months later, she passed the GED and all her efforts proved worthwhile. She expressed appreciation to her instructors, Bryan and Mary Burt, and Ed McGowan "for all the encouragement they gave me." She also thanked "God, my family and friends" for support and faith.

"The most important thing I learned about getting my GED is that the Lord never closes one door without opening another," she said. "I encourage everyone tonight to open whatever doors to success you desire. Go to college, join the military or go for that job you always

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ECCC in 1996 and served as president of the College's ASNEC (Association of Student Nurses) chapter in 1995-96. She earned bachelor and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2003 and 2007, respectively.

She is married to John A. Thomas and they have a daughter, Alexandria, and a son, Adam.

Amanda Walton was recently named secretary to the athletic director after havning previously served as secretary to the Dean of Adult and Continuing Education.

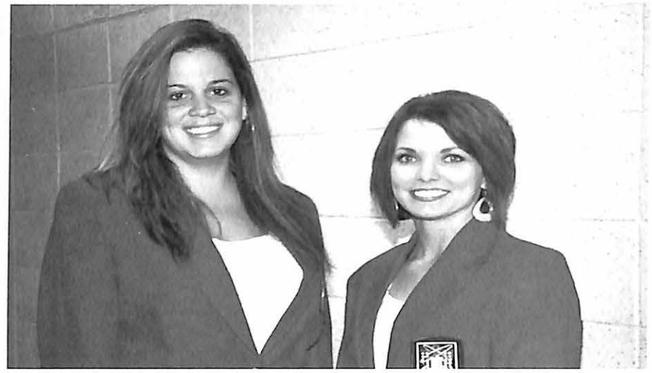
*Amanda Walton*

Walton served seven years as customer service representative at Community Bank in Forest prior to joining the ECCC staff in October 2007.

A graduate of Lake High School, Walton holds an associate in arts degree from ECCC and a bachelor of science in interdisciplinary studies from Mississippi State University, Meridian campus. She is currently pursuing a master of arts in community college leadership from MSU-Meridian.

She is married to Rodney Walton and they have a daughter, Madalyn.

They attend Pine Ridge Baptist Church in Lawrence.



## *Receive National SkillsUSA Honors*

East Central Community College students Crystal McGee (left) of Philadelphia and Brandi Carter of Louisville won second-place honors in the Occupational Health and Safety competition at the National Leadership and Skills Conference held earlier this summer in Kansas City, Mo. Both are students of cosmetology instructor Wanda Brackeen. Also placing at the national SkillsUSA competition were Travis Jordan of Pelahatchie, who finished 12th in collision repair, and James Johnson of Madden, who placed 13th in residential wiring. Instructors are Conrad Germany and John Everett, respectively.

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wanted."

Parker, whose plans include attending East Central in the near future, concluded her remarks by urging those in attendance "to follow your dreams and never give up."

During his junior year at Scott Central High School, Martin said "things got tough," so he and his family decided it was best for him to become a home-school student.

"I could get some schooling in and help my dad (Steve Martin) with his business (One-Stop Construction)," the younger Martin said. "Things went as planned for about a month."

But then everything "started going downhill," Russell stated. "My dad needed more help and I was doing less school work. It got to where I had a full-time job with my dad and my pencil wasn't getting moved around as much."

So Russell, with encouragement from his family, decided in January 2008 it was time to enroll in GED courses offered in Forest.

"And thanks to my instructors – Mrs. (Carol) Greer, Mrs. (Teresa) Lovett and Mrs. (Elizabeth) Nutt, I was able to pass the GED exam," Russell stated. "I could not have done it without their help!"

Russell plans to enroll in classes this spring at ECCC. His career goal is to work with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

State Senator Giles Ward of Louisville, who served as guest speaker, praised the graduates for their accomplishment.

"The GED you have earned - notice I said earned – is a great positive step in finding a job or changing to a new job or taking on new responsibilities at your current job," he said.

Ward noted his special interest in the College's ABE/GED program.

"My wife, Kay, is a GED instructor in Louisville. I know first-hand how exciting it is to find out that a student has passed one or more parts of the equivalency exam - and I've witnessed how your instructors actually shed tears when they learn you've accomplished the important goal of earning your GED.

"When you receive your diploma tonight," he continued, "you're going to have new doors opening in front of you. And all that will happen because you had the courage to simply do it....You're leaving here with a ticket to a better life-and I want to be the first to congratulate you."

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin presented diplomas to the 45 graduates. Also participating in the program were Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction; Gene Davis, dean of Adult and Continuing Education; ABE/GED instructors Ed McGowan and Bryan Burt; ECCC music instructor Len Bobo; and vocalist Dinah Lachney.

ECCC offers free ABE/GED classes in various locations throughout the College's five-county district.

For more information, contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 278 or 279. The e-mail address is gdavis@eccc.edu.





# *Dallas Scholarship Honors Parents' Interest in Education*

With only an eighth grade education themselves, Neshoba County residents Fred and Maudie Dallas made sure their children's formal education did not end with high school, but with a college education.

In memory and in honor of their parents' interest in and dedication to education, the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas established the Fred Preston and Maudie Threatt Dallas Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur.

"Because of the values instilled in us by our parents," said youngest daughter Jo Dallas Hicks, "all of us have always wanted to do what we can to help others to have a better life. This is why Maurine (the oldest daughter) suggested the establishment of a scholarship in honor of our parents. We all feel that this is what they would want us to do to help others."

*Neshoba Central High School graduate Darneshia Sanders (seated, center) is the 2008 recipient of the Fred Preston and Maudie Threatt Dallas Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College. Representing the donors are Maurine Dallas Sims (seated, left) and Pauline Dallas Chaldwill (seated, right) and (back row, from left) Jo Dallas Hicks, Marshall Hicks, Myoung Dallas and Ed Dallas. This scholarship was established in 1991 to assist deserving graduates of Neshoba Central High School who reside in the southeast quarter of Neshoba County. It was established and funded by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas in their memory and in honor of their interest in education. Seven of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas' eight children attended ECJC.*

Why was an education so important to Fred and Maudie Dallas?

"They wanted a better life for their children than they had. They were only able to complete the eighth grade. That is all that was offered to them without going to a boarding school," Dallas-Hicks said.

She added, "Our mother actually went to Decatur and took a comprehensive exam and was given a teaching certificate, which I still have. However, women were not allowed to be teachers if they were married so she was never able to use the certificate.

"Our parents worked hard to provide a good home, instill strong work ethics and what they considered a proper education for the eight of us. They also taught us to trust in God."

The entire family worked hard to ensure they each had an education.

"We always knew that high school was not the end, but just the beginning of our education. We all worked hard on the 160-acre farm to make the money that sent us to college."

Not only did the Dallases instill the value of education in their children, that legacy has continued with their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

"Of the 20 grandchildren, there are two attorneys, an interior designer, four teachers, an EPA engineer, a computer engineer and seven in the business world with college degrees," said Dallas-Hicks. "Then there are the grandchildren. One has just obtained her master's in sociology, three have a master's in business, one is an interior designer, two are teachers, and the list goes on," said Dallas Hicks. The Dallases also encourage others to give back.

"Education is the key to the future and we would definitely suggest that others be willing to give back so that students might have the opportunities that we have had," Dallas-Hicks said.

Of the eight Dallas children, seven attended East Central and all eight completed college degrees. They have each served in varied capacities of community service.

Maurine Dallas Sims holds bachelor and master's degrees. She worked as a real estate broker and teacher and lives in Meridian.

Imogene Dallas Rittenburgh completed a bachelor's degree and is a retired extension agent in Montgomery, Ala., where she currently resides.

F. Pauldee Dallas holds a bachelor's degree and is a retired executive with a North Carolina power company. He is a veteran of WWII and a former prisoner of war. For the past 19 years, he has devoted his life to working with the Ex-Prisoner of War organization to help veterans receive benefits. He was elected to serve as national commander of the Ex-Prisoners of War in 2003. He currently serves as the appointed president of the Ex-P.O. W. Foundation. He resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

Pauline Dallas Chadwell obtained a bachelor's degree. She is a retired teacher and lives in Meridian.

Winifred Dallas Davis is also a retired teacher. She holds a bachelor's degree and resides in Enterprise.

Delmer Dallas completed a bachelor's degree and was president and CEO of Acosta Foods, regarded as a highly successful food brokerage firm. He had businesses located in every U.S. state and 30 countries at the time of his death in 2004. His home office and residence was located in Jacksonville, Fla.

Maggie Jo Dallas Hicks retired as a teacher in Mobile, Ala. She currently resides in Lucedale and also holds a bachelor's degree.

Wilbert Edwin Dallas received a bachelor's degree and is a retired executive with AC Delco in Atlanta, Ga., where he currently resides.

The recipient of the 2008 Dallas Scholarship is Darneshia Sanders, a 2008 graduate of Neshoba Central High School. The scholarship is among more than 100 endowed and other special

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scholarships awarded at the College each spring.

Additional scholarships and their recipients include:

ATCO Loan-Courtney Hudson, South Leake;

AT&T-Leanna Smith, Union;

Bank of Forest-Jordan Gunn, Lake;

Bank of Morton-Brittany Cameron, Morton;

TT Beemon-Racheal Addy, Newton County;

Clayton Blount-Nathan Rowell, Neshoba Central;

Pleas and Amanda Breazeale Blount-Melissa Ellis, Leake Academy;

Board of Trustees-Kimberly Blackwell, Nanih Waiya;

Dr. Austin P. Boggan-Jon Hillman, Neshoba Central;

Earnest Harrison Boswell-Hailey Moody, Nanih Waiya;

Denver Brackeen-Sable Smith, Philadelphia;

Ann Burkes-Shaun Cooper, Decatur;

Mable Moore Carr-Cody Barber, Forest;

Citizens Bank of Philadelphia-Anna Fulton, Nanih Waiya;

Class of 1964-Sarah Eakes, Little Rock;

W.R. Covington-Beth Reynolds, Noxapater;

Aaron Ron Davis Memorial-Amber Eaves, Louisville;

Tony Dobbs Memorial-Griffin Burk, Neshoba Central;

EC Scholars Alumni Association-Adrienne McDill, Newton County;

EC Scholars James and Luvie Thomas-Jordan McMichael, Neshoba Central;

Entergy Mississippi Inc. Excellence in Education-Drew Cherry, Carthage;

R.G. Fick-Aaron Mann, Carthage;

Gilmore-Leigh Rentz, Neshoba Central;

Sue Gunter Memorial-Chelsey Thomas, Forest;

R.O. and Bertha Hanna-Krista Thrash, Union;

Nancy Hiett Harris-Debbie Lawrence Vowell, Kosciusko;

Richard Harris-Megan Munn, Newton County;

Shelby Harris Memorial-Daniel Johnson, Union;

Harrison Memorial-Krystal Massey, East Rankin; Caleb Alexander, Newton County; Robin Willis, Decatur; and Naomi Massey, Sebastopol;

Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood-Reaghan Mayes, Sebastopol;

Jeff and Kathy Hitt-Brooke Dove, Sebastopol;

Albert and Fannie Hollingsworth-Will Emmons, Lake;

Henry and Faye McCully Hudspeth-Lamarrius Childress, Louisville;

Martha Kate Tullos Hummel-Shardae Foley, Hickory;

S. Lebrun Hutchison-Daniel Johnson, Union;

Johnson Family Engineering-Drew Holdiness, Nanih Waiya;

Leon Eubanks Kaljyc Peers-Emily Thrash, Sebastopol;

James E. Land Memorial-Abby McMillan, Newton County Academy;

Andrew Wilson Lathem-Lindsey Stuart, Sebastopol;

La-Z-Boy-Anna Johnson, Union; and Callie Cumberland, Newton County;

William Wade Long-Brittany Cochran, Newton County;

Edwin and Marie Lowe-Pamela Townsend, Philadelphia;

Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial-Amanda Munn, Neshoba Central;

Russell McCann Memorial- Jared Fleming, Louisville;

Merchants and Farmers Bank-Daniel Cheatham, Neshoba Central; and Brandi Covington, Union;

Mississippi Association of Supervisors-Tabatha Adcock, Neshoba Central; Brittany Cameron, Morton; Kayla Dewberry and Danielle Knotts, both of Nanih Waiya; Ashley Dumas, Newton County; Tiffany Lowery, Sebastopol; Will McBeth, Leake Academy; Cody Walters, Forest; and Jodie Walters, Union;

Mississippi Automotive Manufacturers' Association-Daniel Johnson, Union; and Jaqueline Ward, Sebastopol;

Dr. Margaret Mosal Memorial-Shaun Cooper, Decatur;

Ben Myers Memorial-Cooper Jordan, Philadelphia; and Morgan Deweese, Neshoba Central;

Stella Newsome-Sandra Rasco, Newton;

Newton Rotary-Shaterica Curry and Jody Lawson, both of Newton County;

Charles P. and Bonnie Saxon Phillips-Kyle Ethridge, Newton County;

Shirley Renaud Memorial-Krystle Holdiness, Neshoba Central;

Regina Gail Gibbs Rigby Memorial-Cody Barber, Forest;

Sam Rush Memorial-Brandon Cox, Neshoba Central;

Elva Smith Sigrest Memorial-Brittany Cushman, Forest;

Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith-Cayla Boyd, Carthage;

Taylor Advanced Machining-Tim Patterson, Louisville;

Taylor Advanced Welding-Marcus Holmes, Louisville;

Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas-Lisa Tubby, Philadelphia;

Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric-Rebecca Watkins, Neshoba Central;

Thomas W. Thrash Memorial-Sidney Gutierres, Newton County;

U.S. Electrical Motors-Bass Price, Neshoba Central;

James M. Vance-Jacob Drury, Grace Christian School;

Ovid S. and Carol Vickers-Elise Gibbs, Newton County;

Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent-Lacey Gilmore, Newton County;

Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial-Meaghan Mayes, Sebastopol;

Sam Walton Community-Laura Alexander, home-school student from Little Rock;

Charles E. Ward Memorial-Jason Hancock, Newton County;

Warrior Golf Classic Alumni Association-Conner Herrington, Leake Academy;

Weems Family-Shaun Cooper, Decatur;

Jack and Mary Jo White-Hannah Watkins, Sebastopol;

Bob Wilkerson Memorial Vo-Tech-Cody Taylor, Lake;

Wilkes-Palmer-Drew Smith, Louisville;

Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm-Cody Warner, Winston Academy;

General William Patrick Wilson-Shaun Cooper, Decatur;

and Lucille Wood-Megan Munn, Newton County.

For more information on ECCC scholarships or how to establish a scholarship, contact the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations at 601-635-6237 or toll free 1-877-462-3222. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.





# *Several High School Seniors Enrolled in ECCC's New Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Nursing Program*

Brittany Brown of Decatur has hopes of becoming a physician one day. Brown, a senior at Newton County Academy, is getting a head start on her medical training by enrolling in the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Practical Nursing Program being offered at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Brown and eight other high school seniors from ECCC's five-county district are taking advantage of the new program, which was funded by a grant from the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Thanks to the grant, the nine students who qualified for the four-semester program can attend classes free of charge while in high school. The only cost for students is transportation to the Decatur campus, where classes are held at the Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building.

Classes began August 11 and are held from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday. Melanie Pinter of Philadelphia, who recently joined ECCC's healthcare division, serves as class instructor.

Brown said she was "really excited" when she heard about the special program, and expects no problems juggling her activities as a busy high school senior and a college freshman taking nursing courses.

"I think I can work it out...everyone has been real supportive," said the 17-year-old. "I think it's (the program) going to be good. I've always wanted to be a doctor and taking this program is getting me a step ahead of everything else," she stated. "It will make me or break me!"

Brown, the first member of her family to enter the medical field, said being able to take the nursing course free of charge "is a major blessing."

"I feel very blessed to have this opportunity," she stated. "I have faith in the program and in myself to be successful."

Brown is involved in various high school activities. She is a member of the high school basketball team, honor society and various clubs and organizations. She also serves as FBLA State Secretary.

Her parents are Todd and Susan Brown.

Fallon Mattar, a senior at Neshoba Central High School, is also excited about the new nursing program.

"I think it is very good that East Central started this program and I'm very excited about it," she said. "It is also a great opportunity for us high school students to get out (of school) and start working early. When we're taking the LPN exam everybody else will be in their first year of college."

*The first group of district high school seniors enrolled in the new Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Practical Nursing Program offered at East Central Community College in Decatur include (seated from left) Brittany Brown and Ethan Lewis, both of Newton County Academy; Ashton Acord, Stormie Corsaro and Amanda Graham, all of Newton County; and (standing from left) Audriann Thomas, Newton County; Sha'Nequa Pinkston, Union; Fallon Mattar, Neshoba Central; and Casie McClendon, Morton. Also pictured is instructor Melanie Pinter.*

Mattar is just as grateful as Brown about the free tuition.

"It's very nice," Mattar stated. "Since the cost of classes is taken care of I can definitely take care of the gas expense. It's a big help...a big help!"

She is also excited about the four-day schedule.

"I really like having Fridays off," she said, "which will not only save on gas money but will allow us to participate in Friday activities at school, such as pep rallies, ball games, etc."

Mattar said her interest in a medical career came about just recently.

"I wanted to be a teacher when I was real young," said the 17-year-old. "I became interested in the medical field after taking allied health classes. When this program came along I was very excited about it."

She said her parents, George and Sheila Mattar, are also excited about the program and are supportive of her taking classes. Her father is also a former EMT (emergency medical technician.)

Mattar, whose high school activities include being a Beta Club member, said she anticipates no problems in balancing her schedules at school and ECCC.

"I'm just ready to begin the program and start my nursing career," she said.

Other class members and their respective high schools include Ethan Lewis, Newton County Academy; Ashton Acord, Stormie Carsaro, Amanda Graham and Audriann Thomas, Newton County; Sha' Nequa Pinkston, Union; and Casie McClendon, Morton.

Betsy Mann, who serves as dean of ECCC's healthcare division, said the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Practical Nursing Program is designed to allow high school seniors a "fast track approach" into the nursing field.

"East Central Community College is proud to be participating in this opportunity for our five-county district," she said. "Each year we turn away prospective nursing students due to limitations of funding and student/teacher ratio."

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## Partners In Healthcare

Students enrolled in the first Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class offered in Philadelphia by East Central Community College are pictured with representatives from the College and the Neshoba County General Hospital/Nursing Home who recently formed a partnership to provide training for health-related courses. The six-week CNA class was held at the Neshoba Regional Healthcare Education and Training Center and concluded on July 13. Cost of instruction and materials for the non-credit course were provided by the ECCC Workforce Development Center. Seated from left are class members Vanessa Jones, Union; Pamela Boler, Philadelphia; Anita R. Hudson, Shuqalak; Mandy Thrash, Conehatta; Megan Adams, Louisville; Lana Brister and Linda Stevenson, both of Philadelphia; and Ashley Greenwood, Noxapater. Standing from left are Betsy Mann, ECCC dean of healthcare education; Annette Watkins, NCGH public relations; Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; Wes Oswald, NCGH/Nursing Home interim CEO; students Bridget Boler, Lake; Chiquita Jordan, Noxapater; Lahoma Hawkins, Decatur; Helen Parker, Louisville; and Sharon Gibson, Choctaw; Roger Whitlock, dean of ECCC's Workforce Development Center; Roger Cole, Neshoba County Nursing Home administrator; Joe Barrett, ECCC workforce development coordinator; and CNA instructors Tosha Sanders and Dawn Gibbon. For more information on ECCC Healthcare Education, contact Betsy Mann, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 294. The email address is bmann@eccc.edu.

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Mann added, "We are supporting this program for more opportunities for students to be ready for the workforce at a younger age and to help with high school dropout rates. This program will also give high school students an advantage to enter into the workforce and then bridge into our Associate Degree Nursing program."

East Central is one of five new pilot sites for the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Nursing Program.

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# ECCC Phi Beta Lambda Students Take Top Honors At National Competition

East Central Community College students returned to the Decatur campus with first-place awards for the first time and other honors following competition at the 2008 National Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference held earlier this summer in Atlanta, Ga.

Four students – Carlos Rice of Louisville, Drew Harrison of Little Rock, and Leslie Nash and Josh Dickerson, both of Union – won top honors in the Parliamentary Procedure competition and will be inducted into the Mississippi PBL Hall of Fame at the organization's State Leadership Conference in 2009.

"This is the first time we have had a first-place winner at the national competition," said Business Technology instructor Christy Ferguson, who serves as a club adviser. "Our chapter and advisers are obviously very proud of them and all our award winners."

Brookes Mayes of Newton also received special recognition at the national conference for being selected to PBL's Who's Who in Mississippi. She was given the highest recognition of any Mississippi PBL member. Mayes teamed with Rice and Dickerson to finish seventh in the Small Business Plan competition.

Also winning honors at the national event were Ann Valentine of Hickory and Leslie Hollingsworth of Forest, second place, Community Service Project; Dollye Packer of Lake and Sabra Fortenberry of Union, third, E-business; Nash, fifth, Local Chapter Annual Business Report; Shaun Cooper of Decatur, eighth, Word Processing; and Brooke Barrett of Union, 10th, Partnership with Business Project.

Theta Chi also received the prestigious Gold Seal Chapter Award and was recognized for receiving the most awards of any Mississippi chapter.

Also attending the national conference were Britni Wright of Louisville, William Cumberland of Union, Jonathan Federick of Hickory and Evans Summers Jones of Walnut Grove, who were among the 17 ECCC students who qualified for the national contest following state competition. Theta Chi advisers Christy Ferguson, Judy Hurtt, Ruth Gregory, Brenda Johnson and Thomas Fortenberry accompanied students to Atlanta.

*Displaying awards received at the 2008 National Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference are the above members of Theta Chi Chapter at East Central Community College in Decatur, who captured first-place awards for the first time along with numerous other honors. The ECCC students were recognized for winning more honors than any Mississippi chapter during the three-day competition held earlier this summer in Atlanta. Award winners included (first row, from left) Dollye Packer of Lake, third place, E-business competition; and Leslie Hollingsworth of Forest and Ann Valentine of Hickory, second, Community Service Project; (second row, from left) Sabra Fortenberry of Union, third, E-business; Laura Pearson of Louisville, first, Parliamentary Procedure; and Shaun Cooper of Decatur, eighth, Word Processing; (third row, from left) Leslie Nash of Union, first, Parliamentary Procedure and fifth, Local Chapter Annual Business Report; Brookes Mayes of Newton, seventh, Small Business Management Plan and received special recognition for her induction into Who's Who in Mississippi; and Brooke Barrett of Union, 10th, Partnership with Business Project; and (fourth row, from left) Drew Harrison of Little Rock, first, Parliamentary Procedure; and Josh Dickerson of Union and Carlos Rice of Louisville, who won first place in Parliamentary Procedure and placed seventh in the Small Business Management Plan competition. Theta Chi also received the prestigious Gold Seal Chapter Award.*

Phi Beta Lambda is the premier Business Education Association preparing students for careers in business and success in life. Its purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general.

# Dustan Todd Scholarship Endowed at ECCC

*by Ann Todd, Special to the Warrior*

After Dustan's untimely death we wanted his name and memory to live on forever in more than just family and friends that knew and loved him. To those that might not have known Dustan he was a wonderful young man that words cannot fully describe. He was a Christian, our loving son, a loving brother along with being a brother's best friend, an uncle, grandson, cousin, fiancé and loyal friend. Dustan was loving, giving, compassionate and a joy to be around.

After David, Travis and I talked we knew we wanted to establish a scholarship in Dustan's name. We just weren't exactly sure how it would be funded. That would take some more thinking on to figure that out and accomplish it.

Dustan and Travis got involved in playing golf. They both became addicted to playing it and it was an everyday of the week game if possible to go and play and also on the weekend. Dustan would even go by himself after school if he didn't go to work. Travis wanted to have a golf tournament in Dustan's memory because of them playing so much.

So, in 2005 we decided to have a Dustan Todd Memorial Golf Tournament. It would be to have family, friends and anyone who wanted to play and enjoy the day in remembrance of Dustan. We had T-shirts, caps and golf towels made in royal blue which was his favorite color and took orders and sold extras at the tournament. The design on the shirts carries our logo of a heart with three crosses with Dustan's name and the back with some type of golf design along with his name on it.

The caps and towels are designed to connect with the shirt design. There was a great turn out of people and it was touching to see how many people felt for Dustan and us. Some of them didn't even know Dustan or us but came to show support for us in our loss and what we were doing in remembrance of him.

It was an emotional and touching day when you looked around the course and could see so many royal blue shirts and caps being worn. It seemed as though we could feel a part of him there with us enjoying the day. People asked if we were raising money for anything because they wanted to help if we were.

But, not this time, it was a day to remember Dustan and enjoy the golf game he and his brother and friends used to have together.

After the tournament was so successful, we knew we had our answer to funding the scholarship. There would be a yearly event to have our Dustan Todd memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament held around the first or second weekend in May.

In 2006 ,we started out asking for sponsorships for the Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament, took orders for the royal blue T-shirts, caps and golf towels. The response of support was unbelievable with sponsorships, orders, donations and a set of golf clubs was donated to raffle chances on.

If a sponsor gave the asked amount, and some gave above and beyond that amount, their name went on a sponsor banner that would be hung on the day of the tournament. Everyone that gave, regardless of how much, we deeply appreciated anything anyone gave or did for our goal of having Dustan's memory stay alive.

When the tournament day came we were touched beyond words with all the support of family, friends and golfers coming to share our day with us. It was a heartwarming site to look around the course and see all the royal blue in remembrance of Dustan. God blessed us with a beautiful day with the weather, fellowship and everything that day gave us. There were winners of the game and prize drawings.

After the tournament was over so many told us they enjoyed the day and were looking forward to the next year. This was a great start to Dustan's

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*Ann Todd (left) of Chunky is shown presenting a check to Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations at East Central Community College in Decatur, which completes the endowment of the Dustan Todd Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was first established by family members in 2006 in memory of the 2004 ECCC graduate, who lost his life in an automobile/motorcycle accident on April 28, 2004. Dustan, an outstanding student in the drafting and design technology program, was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, The International Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges, and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He was a 2002 graduate of Newton County High School, where he also received numerous honors. Ann, who with her husband, David, and their other son, Travis, established the scholarship, said contributions from family and friends along with proceeds from the annual Dustan Todd Memorial Golf Tournament made it possible to reach the required $10,000 amount for an endowment. The Dustan Todd Memorial Scholarship will be presented for the first time to a qualified graduate of Newton County High School at the 2009 AT&T Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon on the ECCC campus.*





# ECCC Warrior Club Officers

Fundraising activities for the Warrior Club, an organization providing financial support to student-athletes at East Central Community College, will be led by the above individuals selected to serve as officers for 2008-09. From left are Brenda Chaney of Little Rock, president; Jerry Wooten of Lake, vice president; and Krissi Munn of Decatur, secretary. Also pictured is Chris Harris, ECCC athletic director. The slate of officers was chosen at the first annual Warrior Club Banquet held recently in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. For more information, contact the ECCC Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

## TODD

Memorial Scholarship.

We contacted EC and began the process of the first Dustan Todd Memorial Scholarship award to begin with the Awards Day of 2006 at Newton County High School. The scholarship would begin for the fall semester of 2006 of their freshman year in the course of study which Dustan majored in that was Drafting and Design Technology. The first scholarship award was given and it was an emotional feeling to have Dustan's memory living on and helping a student further their education to reach his or her goals.

We continued on in 2007 with the tournament always starting out as usual with asking for sponsorships, donations, orders and this year La-Z-Boy donated a chair to sell chances on. With each year God keeps blessing us with loyal family, friends and supporters along with new ones joining us and becoming a part of our memorial tournament family. When the tournament was such a success and there was more encouragement to keep on with our goal and they were looking forward to the next year's tournament.

After our 2007 tournament we decided to make a change from a yearly scholarship we would make our goal to now become the Dustan Todd Memorial Scholarship Endowment. This way we would know that having the endowment Dustan's memory would live on for years to come if for any reason we couldn't hold the tournaments any longer.

Now 2008 tournament time came and the work began as usual asking for sponsorships, donations, orders and La-Z-Boy donated another chair to sell chances on, and any and all help anyone wanted to do. We thought it might be harder this year with the economy and hard times people were having.

We asked anyway and the ones that have always stood behind us and supported us came together again. More were contacted this year than years past and the support just grew bigger and bigger. We had the largest amount of sponsorships and donations than in years past. It was so heartwarming with the generosity of everyone. There were a lot of people that didn't know Dustan, us or what we were going through with our loss but they helped us because they felt for us and thought it was a great what we were trying to do.

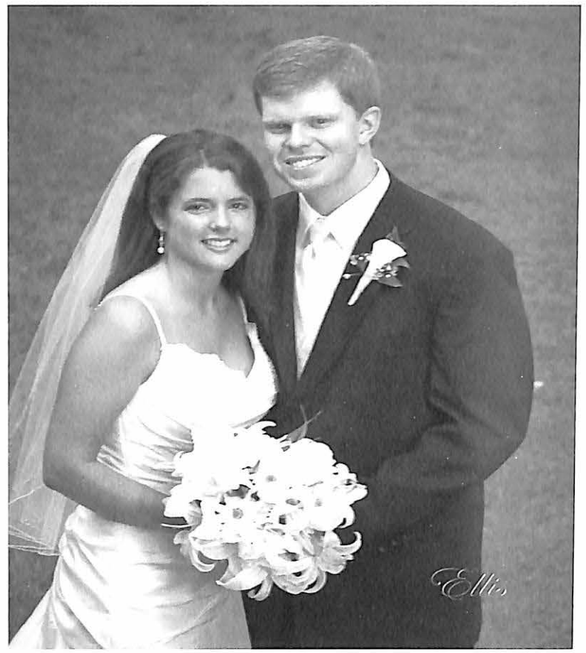
God has blessed us so much more than we can express to everyone that has supported us in anyway. The abundance of love, heartfelt caring, generosity, encouragement and loyalty is all so deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Everyone will always be a member of our memorial tournament family. We are proud to tell all of our supporters that have been a part of this goal in the three years of raising funds that with this year's tournament we have now met our goal of having the Dustan Todd Memorial Scholarship endowment.

We will continue to have the memorial golf tournament and we hope you will still be a part of our tournament family. For those that have not been a part we welcome you to come and join us. We will be looking forward to seeing you at the tournaments in years to come. Our goals will still be to help others through keeping Dustan's memory alive.

# Alumni Weddings

*Amneris Avalos to Josh Alan Kelley*
*Natalie Brookes Boggan to Caleb Elias May*
*Julienne Nichole Collins to Brandon Andrew Coleman*
*Candace Elaine Copeland to Christopher Ryan Barlow*
*Ashley Patrice Dedeaux to Douglas Edward Pickens*
*Kasie Doss to Matt Parks*
*Andrea Michelle Edwards to Brian Michael Waltman*
*Jessica Nicole Fugitt to Miles Lee Ingram*
*Kimberly Rachelle Fitzhugh to Kyle Franklin Wooten*
*Krista Dawn Garretson to Shawn Anthony Fulcher*
*Lea Summer Nichole Graham to Dustin Todd Stephens*
*Brooke LeAnne Harrell to Toby Ray Holmes*
*Apryl Suzanne Henry to Joshua Webb Moore*
*Elizabeth Holloway Herring to Jason Collins Vasquez*
*Brittany Suzanne Hunt to Michael Clinton Allen*
*Brenda Waller Lamb to Marcus Craig Gordon*
*Misty Leigh Mayes to Benjamin David Murphy*
*Kery Layne McDill to Drew Chapman Kenna*
*Valerie Ann McDougal to Patrick Ryan Wilcher*
*April Kristen Mize to Jeremy Lee Fryery*
*Leslie Nichole Monk to Joseph Blake McDonald*
*Morgan Victoria Myers to Jeffrey Carlton Moore*
*Ashley LeeAnn Pace to Michael Thomas O'Bannon*
*Kelsie Denise Prather to Eric Stephen Herrington*
*Lacy Lynn Sanborn to Daniel Whitmire Dunlap*
*Amanda Kay Schmidt to Zachary Tyler Kilpatrick*
*Marissa Unsharell Shannon to Calvin Demond Bennett*
*Jessica Leigh Sheehan to Ryan Michael Loper*
*Brandi Kay Smith to Jeffrey Alan Putman*
*Marley Ann Smith to John Kenneth Burns*
*Jamie Renee Stewart to Daniel Mark Gressett*
*Jacob and Cherish Townsend*
*Sarah Lauren Vance to Brenton Daniel Smith*
*Leah Melissa Vaughn to Anthony Novak Stanford*
*Sarah Maria Welford to Kenneth Eugene Bankston*
*Whitnee White to Bradly Simmons*
*Jonni Delight Wilson to Dr. Jason Ames Myers*




*Kerry Layne McDill and Drew Chapman Kenna were wed Saturday, June 14, 2008 in Conehatta Baptist Church.*





# Alumni News Briefs

**R. William Anderson ('98)** of Philadelphia was promoted to the rank of sergeant at the University of Mississippi Police Department.

**Bill ('46) and Louise Bailey** recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. The couple, by their own request, celebrated by spending the evening at church, surrounded by friends and loved ones, then having dinner at East Central Community College.

**Emily S. Beaver ('58)** of Falls Church, Va., has a son, John, who is stationed in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in Legislative Affairs and was promoted to the rank of captain in the United States Navy.

**Holly ('01) and Chris Bedwell** of Cuba, Ala., announce the birth of their daughter, Carly Elizabeth Bedwell, born July 19, 2007. She weighed 6 lbs. and 1 oz.

**Teresa Blount ('70)** retired with 36 years service from the Union Public School System.

**Debbie Addy Boggan ('76)** of Decatur recently retired from the Newton County School System as a speech-language pathologist after 29 years of service.

**Giles Bounds ('59)** recently retired as general manager from Coahoma Electric Power Association after serving the company for more than 43 years. A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, Bounds, 70, began work at the company in 1964. Bounds is originally from Newton where he graduated from Newton High School.

**Dr. Frank Bowen Sr. ('41),** a Carthage physician, has been recognized by Central Medical Society as the 2008 Exemplary Physician of the Year. The honor was bestowed by member physicians in a six-county area, including Leake, Scott, Smith, Rankin, Madison and Hinds counties. Memphis native Bowen, 85, is a Sturgis High School graduate and attended East Central Junior College before enlisting in the military draft in 1941. He was a medic in the Army and trained medics at several Army bases before he was discharged in 1946. He attended the University of Mississippi and finished medical school at the University of Tennessee in 1951.

**Ashley Buckman ('04)**, Miss Mid South, recently won first runner-up in the 51st Miss Mississippi 2008 competition. She is a native of Bay Springs and is currently in her second year of law school at Mississippi College.

**George and Fannie Merle ('56) Clark** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 28, 2008. Their children, Jeffrey and Sandra Clark of Petal and Stephanie and Jerry Dennis of Starkville and grandcildren Jordan, Jessica and Jacob, hosted a reception in their honor at Hazel Baptist Church. They received an anniversary card from President and Mrs. Bush.

**Raymond Clark ('68)** returns to the Forest Municipal School District as the superintendent of education. Clark served as Forest Elementary School principal from 1988 to December 2003 and has served the district in various capacities since 1970. Clark had recently worked with the Newton Public Schools District.

**Gene Cliburn ('88)**, a resident of Union and graduate of Union High School, was recently named Union Elementary School Principal. He formerly served as assistant superintendent in charge of federal programs at Neshoba County School District. He has also taught in the Philadelphia City Schools district.

**Wayne ('71) and Sandy Comans** of Decatur are serving as house parents for the North Carolina Baptist's Haywood Mountain Cottage in Waynesville, N.C. The Comans are on a schedule where they are in North Carolina two weeks and return to Decatur for two weeks. They are members of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church.

**Brian C. Cooper ('91)** works as the estate planning specialist for western North Carolina. He recently completed coursework for the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation from the American College.

**Howard Crenshaw** was recently awarded the Man of the Year honor by the Newton County Chamber of Commerce.

**Barry ('98) and Samantha P. Denson ('05)** of Madison announce the birth of their son, Nathan Scott Denson, born March 13, 2008.

**William S. Donald ('50)** of Southaven won seven medals at the 2008 Mississippi Senior Olympics and qualified to

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participate in the 2009 National Senior Olympics to be held in San Francisco, Calif., in June of 2009.

**George Edwards ('02)** of Sturgis graduated with a doctorate of veterinary medicine degree, April 30, 2008 from Mississippi State University, College of Veterinary Medicine. He served as vice president his class and was a member of Phi Zeta veterinary honor society. In addition, he was a Giles scholar, which requires a 3.5 grade point average or above. He is currently participating in an internship at Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of Prince Edward Island in the province of Prince Edward Island, Canada. His area of interest is small animal surgery. At East Central, Edwards was a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the Wall O' Sound marching band and served as a tech for The Collegians.

**Mandy S. Feasel ('95)** was recently selected as STAR Teacher for Union High School. Feasel of Union is a 10-year veteran English teacher, an honor graduate of Union High School, a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and has been named STAR Teacher twice previously.

**Jason Gentry ('92)** was recently promoted to assistant principal at Philadelphia Elementary School. Gentry previously served as athletic director and head girls basketball coach for Philadelphia High School. He has led the Philadelphia Lady Tornadoes to the state Class 2A tournament in each of the last five seasons. He wrapped up his seven years as Philadelphia girls coach with a 139-56 record. A native of Philadelphia, he graduated from Leake Academy and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and master's degree from Mississippi State University. He is finishing work at MSU for a degree in administration.

**Bart Gregory ('97)** of Louisville was recently promoted to assistant athletic director for annual giving at Mississippi State University. In this new position, he will be responsible for overseeing the priority seating and parking programs for football and basketball as well as developing plans to increase Bulldog Club membership. In addition, he will oversee the Bulldog Club Fund Drive which has added over 2,000 new Bulldog Club members over the past two years. He continues to work as a part of the Bulldog Radio Network as play-by-play broadcaster for MSU women's basketball and select men's basketball and baseball games. He also serves as color analyst for select men's basketball games.

**Chad ('92) and Nicole Harrison ('92)** of Union announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Nicole Harrison, born January 31, 2008.

**Diane 'Tooty' Herring ('69)** was recently pinned as Morton Lion Club President during the club's official installation of officers' ceremony.

**Stacey ('93) and Marty Hollingsworth ('90)** of Decatur announce the birth of their son, Charley Martin Hollingsworth, born April 2, 2008.

**Randy Houser ('97)** made his late night television debut on August 28 when he appeared on The Late Show With David Letterman. He performed the first single from his album "Anything Goes." The Lake native grew up playing music and was a member of the ECCC Collegians and Ac'cents. He has a recording contract with Universal South Records and has been writing songs for several years, including Trace Adkins' 2005 hit "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk," which he co-wrote.

**S. Lebrun Hutchison ('49)** of Littleton, Colo., was honored for his outstanding contribution to Littleton's historic preservation efforts. Mr. Hutchison received a Historic Preservation Award for his research and efforts to include Bega Park in the Main Street Historic District to protect its prosperity.

**Denise Johnson ('74)** retired from the Union Public School System with 30 years service.

**James B. Johnson ('92 & '96)**, Chief of Police for the Town of Lena, received an award from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety Planning for his enforcement of child safety seat laws in Leake County. This is the sixth year Chief Johnson has been awarded this honor. All honorees were invited to an award ceremony at the Mississippi Highway Patrol headquarters.

**Patsy C. Johnston ('52)** of Monroe, La., and granddaughter, Ashley Johnston, traveled to China with a group from Cintinarry College in May. They reported a great time. Ashley is majoring in education and will graduate in May of 2009. Ashley plans to teach as grandmother, Patsy, and great-grandparents, Lonnie and Mary Cleveland.

**Zachary ('06) and Amanda Schmidt ('07) Kilpatrick** were married on July 19, 2008. They now reside in Starkville where she is enrolled at Mississippi State University as a senior in elementary education and he is a teacher and coach at Central Academy in Macon.

**Tommy Malone ('90)**, Leake County Fire Coordinator and Emergency Management Director, has been re-elected president of the Mississippi Emergency Management Civil Defense Association. Elected last summer for the 2007-08 term, he was re-elected at the group's recent convention. The association represents personnel and officials involved in emergency management, including managers, directors, firefighters, dispatchers and elected officials.

**Natalie Boggan May ('01)** of Decatur recently accepted a position as a speech-language pathologist in the Newton County School District.

**Patty McInnis ('50)** of Waynesboro has a grandson, Mark Wheat, who graduated from Presbyterian Christian High School in Hattiesburg in May of 2008. Her grandson, Will Wheat, graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in May of 2008, and her grandson, Allen Bonner, graduated from William Carey University in May of 2008.

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**Janie McMullan ('66)** recently retired from Newton County Elementary School after 31 years in education.

**Hilda Grafton McRaney ('44)** of Raymond was selected as a Professor Emeritus last spring for Hinds Community College where she retired after 31 years of service. Three people were chosen for this honor.

**Arlene Bates Monk ('95)** is a special education teacher at Hawkins Middle School, a part of the Forest Municipal School District.

**Sam Nowell ('69)** recently received first-place recognition for his insurance agency by the "Keep Mississippi Beautiful" program for his efforts in cleaning up roadside litter. He has participated in the Mississippi Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program for more than three years.

**Brad Peterson ('95)** will serve as an assistant coach for the Mississippi Team in the 22nd annual Alabama/Mississippi All-Star Football Classic scheduled December 13 at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile. Peterson led his 2007 Louisville High School Wildcats to the State Class 3A title in 2007. Also serving as an assistant coach is former ECCC assistant Todd Mangum who serves as head football coach at Ocean Springs. Marcus Boyles of Wayne County High School will serve as head coach of the Mississippi All-Stars.

**Marcie ('00) and Toby Pinson ('00)** announce the birth of their daughter, Marleigh Rhea Pinson born on June 14, 2008. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

**Penny Rogers ('93)**, a nursing home occupational therapist and rehabilitation supervisor, has been elected as the Mississippi AOTA Representative Assembly member. Rogers, a native of Walnut Grove, assumed the role as RA on July 1 and will serve the next three years. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in occupational therapy from the University of Mississippi with continued studies from Mississippi State University and Grand Canyon University.

**Robert ('00) and Diane Savell** of Lake announce the birth of their son, Parker Wade Savell, born April 16, 2008.

**Bradly ('98) and Whitnee White Simmons ('08)** were married May 31, 2008 at the Philadelphia Church of God. They now reside in Starkville where she attends Mississippi State University and he is a teacher and coach at Oak Hill Academy in West Point. Bradley is the son of EC alumni Burnell ('74) and Pasty Simmons ('74) of Conehatta.

**Marianne Strickland ('97)** was promoted to assistant cashier in the Citizens' Bank Union office. Strickland is a graduate of Sebastopol Attendance Center and from East Central Community College with a certificate in Office Systems Technology. She began working at the Sebastopol Branch of The Citizens Bank on a part-time basis in 1996 and then transferred to the Union Branch as a full-time employee in October of 1997. She previously served the bank as a teller, loan secretary, administrative assistant and operations manager.

**Venita Tadlock ('74)** recently retired with 31 years of service as a public educator from Newton County School District. She is a graduate of Union High School, East Central Junior College, and Mississippi State University, where she received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and secondary history. She began her teaching at Sebastopol Attendance Center, where she taught for eight years. She taught in the Union Municipal Separate School District for nine years and Lake Attendance Center for one year.

**Bobby A. ('62) and Sandra A. Thames ('62)** of Alabaster, Ala., have been married for 44 years. They have four children and five grandchildren.

**Hal Thompson ('01)** of Decatur graduated from The University of Mississippi Medical Center in May with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. He is currently employed with Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian as a physical therapist.

**James Vance ('57)**, Meridian Mutual Federal Credit Union board chairman and resident of Meridian, was recently inducted into the Mississippi Credit Union Hall of Fame. The Mississippi Credit Union Hall of Fame is the state's highest honor for credit unions, recognizing individuals for their years of credit union service and involvement at the local, chapter, state and national levels.

**Billy Mack Wilbanks ('74)** was recently named principal of Edinburg High School in the Leake County School District. Wilbanks is a native of Leake County and a former administrator in the Leake public school system. He served the Forest Municipal School District as principal of Forest High School for the past six years.

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# An Interview With 'The General'

*(Note : ECCC Alumnus William "Bill" Freeman, Jr. of Newton was named Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard earlier this year by Governor Haley Barbour. Freeman returned from military retirement and left a successful banking career to lead the state's approximately 13,000 citizen soldiers. He was promoted to the rank of Major General during a July ceremony. Below is an interview with the military leader.)*

**Question: What was your reaction when Governor Barbour selected you as Adjutant General?**

Freeman: I was honored that he considered my name to become adjutant general of the State of Mississippi. I talked it over with my wife after he (Governor Barbour) made that call and we made that commitment to come over and work with the Governor in this position as adjutant general. We are excited about the job that is before us and we look forward to it.

**Question: Did you know that you were being considered for the post?**

Freeman: Actually, I did not know I was being considered for the job until I actually got the call (from Governor Barbour) around the first of March. He called me one day and I thought maybe he was calling me about a reappointment to the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation Board but actually he was talking about the job as adjutant general. So I was pleasantly surprised that he gave me an opportunity to do this job.

**Question: Was it a goal of yours to become adjutant general?**

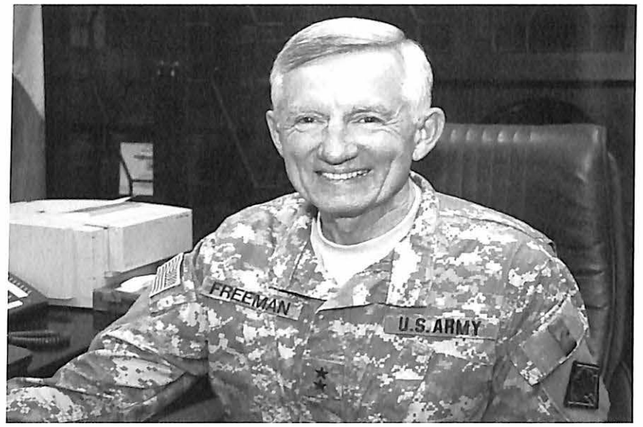
Freeman: I think that for any officer in the Mississippi National Guard, the ultimate goal possibly is to be the adjutant general one day. It narrows at the top as you know but everybody aspires to be a general officer at sometime in his or her career if possible and certainly to be the adjutant general is just another step and should be in everybody's goal.

**Question: What were the highlights of the 30 years you served in the Mississippi National Guard prior to your retirement in 1999?**

Freeman: Some of the highlights include General (Denver) Brackeen giving me my first command back in the mid 1970s. I had about 16 years command experience through my 30 years with the Mississippi National Guard and it culminated with being commander of the 66 Troop Command in Jackson out at Raymond Road Armory. At that time I had about 2,476 people in my command.

**Question: How does it feel to follow three other ECCC alumni – General Pat Wilson, General Glenn D. Walker and General Denver Brackeen - as the state's top military leader?**

Freeman: Well, it's an honor just to even be mentioned in the same sentence with those outstanding people who served the State of Mississippi as former adjutant generals. I did not know General Pat Wilson but I knew the other two adjutant generals and as I said before General Brackeen gave me my first command at the service battery in Decatur, where I was commander from 1975-80.




*Gen. Bill Freeman*

**Question: What is your main priority as adjutant general?**

Freeman: We have several "focuses," including recruiting, retention and family support. We think those goals go hand-in-hand; you recruit the people in, when their time expires you try to retain them and then along with that goes your family support group, your yellow ribbon programs and you community covenant programs that all tie in together with recruiting and retention, making sure that when you have people deployed that their families are being taken care of. And along with that we are training up this year for big deployments next year. We'll have several units that will be deployed – somewhere between 4,000 to 5,000 – into harm's way next year, so training is obviously one of our top priorities. And as I said, providing support to all those families left behind is a big priority of ours. We implemented some family programs and reinforced some family programs to make sure those families and their loved ones are in fact taken care of. Obviously when

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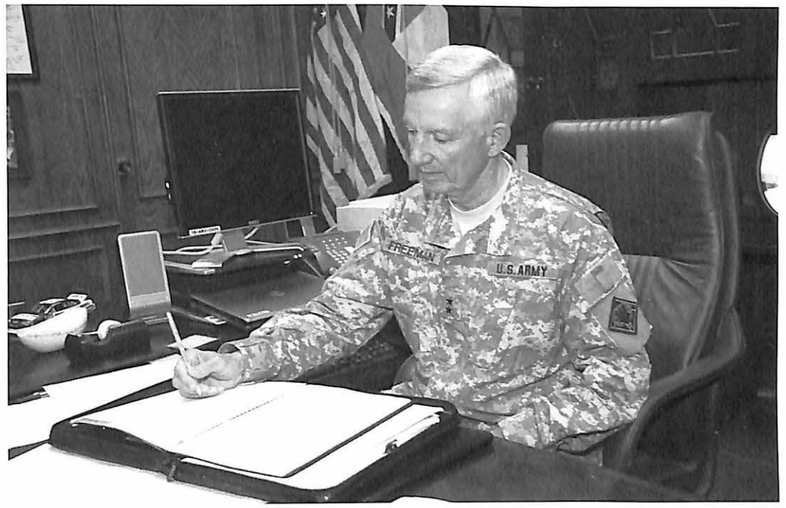
a soldier's family is taken care of back home, he or she does not have to worry as much about things back home and can concentrate on the mission at hand.

**Question: How would you describe your style of leadership?**

Freeman: I'm a "boots-on-the-ground" type of general. I like to be involved with the individual soldiers. I like soldiers. I like to be on the ground with them, I like to get out on their tanks and their Bradleys, I like to get out and fire the small arms weapons with them. I like to go out and visit with them and shake their hands and let them know who I am and talk to them about their families and how they are doing and are they are being taken care of. So, my style of leadership is a boots-on-the-ground type general.

**Question: What is a typical day like for you?**

Freeman: I get up every morning at 5:05 and get ready to come to work. I'm here at approximately 6:45 or 6:50 every morning. A typical day can be 10 to 16 hours or sometimes longer than that. I usually work seven days a week and typically have to be somewhere during the weekends. I had planned to take off a few days during the Labor Day weekend, but Hurricane Gustav put a hold on those plans. When a state of emergency comes along, the Guard is one of the first responders to that emergency. It's a very demanding job but I am enjoying it; I especially enjoy soldiers and seeing what is on their minds and making sure our headquarters is meeting their needs out in the field. That's one thing I have tried to stress since being here is that our headquarters in Jackson exists to make sure that the soldier in the field is properly trained and properly clothed and properly fed, that when we do send him to war, that when he goes outside the wire, he will make the right decisions should he engage in combat.




*Gen. Bill Freeman at work in his Jackson office.*

**Question: How have the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan affected recruiting efforts for guardsmen?**

Freeman: Actually, our recruiting efforts have been outstanding. We have a lot of incentives for young people to get into the Guard. Normally, you can get about a $20,000 bonus to sign your name to serve your country. And then we have the educational benefits – including the Montgomery G. I. Bill – that are available to the soldiers if they want to pursue their educational opportunities. Statewide, we are about 100 percent strength with Army and Air guards, so we think that is outstanding. Mississippians have always been very patriotic... they volunteer to serve their country and their state and they always step up when the time comes.

**Question: What other benefits can one expect upon joining the Mississippi National Guard?**

Freeman: In addition to benefits previously mentioned, there is also health insurance that is available at a very reduced rate for individual soldiers and their families. So this is obviously another great benefit for people to take advantage of when they join the Guard.

**Question: What are you feelings about the war in Iraq?**

Freeman: I support the President 100 percent. I think with the things we are doing over there we are being proactive...when you talk to the soldiers when they come back they know they are making a difference over there with the things they are doing, liking teaching the Iraqies how to police their own country. We are in the process of turning more of their country back over to them. We hope one day they will be a democratic society. We think we are making a difference and we of course support that effort, not only there but in Afghanistan.

**Question: Do you think Mississippi is sending more than its fair share of guardsmen to Iraq and other areas of conflict?**

Freeman: Everybody is on a rotation basis. As the need arises over there, then your time will come. I think we send our

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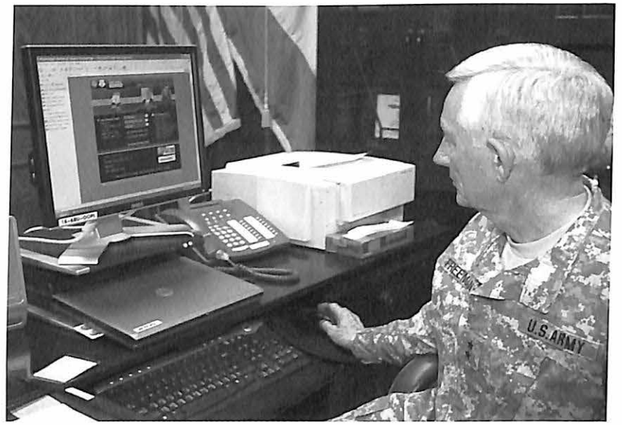
fair share of Mississippians, who I said previously, are all patriotic. We've a lot of people to volunteer to go to Iraq and Afghanistan...and have a lot of people mobilized at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg. We have 1,212 people on active duty in the Camp Shelby area right now. A lot of people are mobilized at Camp Shelby, doing their training there then they go to Iraq or Afghanistan and then they come back to Camp Shelby later to be demobilized. Right now we have less than 400 in harm's way across the water and 192 in Washington, D.C. The soldiers in Washington are the air defenders of our nation's capitol. I have recently visited them. Lt. Col. Joe White is the commander. They are defending the skies of Washington D.C. as we speak. It's a very high profile mission, a very important mission to defend our nation's capitol. We're proud of their efforts, too. And this is their second mission to Washington. A lot of the units that are going to Afghanistan and Iraq have been there two or three times. So we are doing our share and Mississippians should be proud of what they are doing to help support the war.

**Question: Do you plan to visit our Mississippi soldiers in Iraq?**

Freeman: Yes I do. I have been in contact with the military leaders in Washington and sometime in late October or early November, I will have the opportunity to go to Iraq and Afghanistan and visit the troops that we have deployed over there now. It's about an eight- to 10-day trip being planned and I look forward to visiting the units located in those two countries.

**Question: What is the role of the Mississippi National Guard during disasters and other times of need?**

Freeman: One of main missions is the hurricane mission. A short time ago we were looking at tropical storm Fay breathing down our neck. We are now (at the time of this interview) monitoring Hurricane Gustav. We had our hurricane preparedness exercise during April in Gulfport. We had our respective units on the Coast doing re-cons and making preliminary plans to make sure if in fact that mission came to us that we would be ready to respond to help the citizens of the State of Mississippi overcome any threat of another hurricane.



*Gen. Freeman prepares to monitor Hurricane Gustav.*

**Question: How long do you plan to serve as adjutant general?**

Freeman: The appointment runs concurrent with the Governor's term, which is about three-and-a-half more years. When his term expires, it will be up to his successor to reappoint me or appoint someone else as adjutant general. I'm certainly honored to serve with Governor Barbour at the present time.

**Question: When did you join the guard?**

Freeman: I enlisted on 31 July in 1966 and served some 30-plus years until I retired in 1999.

**Question: Did your father's military service in World War II have an influence on your decision to join the guard? Do you have other family members who have served or are serving in the military?**

Freeman: My father (William L. Freeman Sr.) volunteered to serve in the U. S. Navy during World War II for six years. He served on a lot of ships in the Pacific. As a kid growing up, you're always proud of your father's service to the country and I'm sure that played an important part in my decision to serve my country in the Guard. I'm proud of his service and I'm certainly proud of my years in the Mississippi National Guard. My father-in-law (Kenneth McIntyre) served in the U. S. Navy on a submarine. He was on the USS Drum Submarine on display in Mobile. So my father and father-in-law served in the U. S. Navy in World War II. My brother-in-law (Kem McIntyre) is a major in the Mississippi Air National Guard in Jackson. He is an intensive care nurse at Anderson Hospital and serves on a medivac unit.

**Question: Have you completely retired from banking?**

Freeman: I retired from Newton County Bank on the 30th of April after 40 years and 11 months of service. I certainly enjoyed my tenure there, and it was like leaving family when I moved from that job to this new career. However I continue to serve on the bank's board of directors, so I get to see everyone from time to time. I reported to work here at 7 a.m. the day following my retirement.

**Question: What were the highlights of your career at Newton County Bank?**

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# Monroe Inducted Into MSU Athletic Hall of Fame

Curtis "Curt" Ryan Monroe ('51), a native of Decatur, was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Mississippi State University on October 13, 2007, at Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville.

He began his athletic career at Decatur High School excelling at baseball, basketball, football, and track. While attending ECCC he played baseball. Upon graduating from ECCC in 1951, Curt attended Mississippi State University where he was an outstanding "southpaw" pitcher. He lettered at MSU in 1952-1953 and was selected first team All Southeastern Conference in 1953.

Monroe was also recognized as a presidential scholar throughout his career at MSU. He completed his bachelor's degree in history at MSU in 1953 and received his master's degree from MSU in 1954. He also completed advanced degrees from MSU and UM.

It appeared he would be drafted by the Pittsburg Pirates organization, but along came word that he was to be drafted by Uncle Sam instead. He served two years at various sites in Europe, where he did military investigative work.

Upon returning from Germany, Monroe began his teaching and coaching career at Union High School. He served as baseball coach and assistant football coach. He moved to Fulton in 1961 to become the baseball coach at Itawamba Community College. He served as baseball coach at ICC from 1962-1984 with an outstanding record. He continued teaching Western Civilization at ICC until he retired in 1993. He served as chairman of the history department from 1961-1993.

He is a member of the M-Club and Bulldog Club at MSU. He is a 32nd Degree Mason, Shriner, Gideon International, and is an extremely active member of the Fulton United Methodist Church. Among other honors, he has been inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame and the Itawamba Community College Athletic Hall of Fame.

He is married to the former Sally Ashford of Starkville. They have two daughters, Amy Agee (Mike) of Germantown, Tenn. and Emilie Nan English (Brock) of Tupelo. They have five grandchildren: Ryan, Marianne, Sam, Curt and Charlie.

The Monroes stay busy since retirement traveling between Fulton and their vacation home in Gatlinburg, Tenn. The grandchildren also keep them busy traveling to various sporting events around the South.

Freeman: The highlight was the many customers that we had, the many friends we made throughout the community, Newton County and east central Mississippi. Not only do I miss our customers but also my fellow workers at Newton County Bank.

**Question: You attended ECCC from 1962-64. What was it like being a college student at that time? What activities were you involved in at ECCC? What are your fondest memories of attending ECCC?**

Freeman: I was probably your typical college student at that time. As a freshman, I remember getting my head shaved-wearing a beanie- those were certainly exciting times of my life at East Central. I was fortunate to be involved in several activities on campus. I was class president in 1963-64 and was involved in a lot of other activities and certainly my time there. I am also a former member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees and enjoyed my service there, too. My fondest memory of East Central was that we were a close-knit group. We probably had about 700 students enrolled and it was a lot like high school. You knew everybody and the good thing was you made friends with students from all over the five-county district. Still to this day I have a lot of friends all over Mississippi from my college days at East Central. I have many fond memories as a student and I am very appreciative to have had so many great teachers including Mr. (L.B.) Simmons, Miss (Una) Harris, Mr. (Rudolph) Mayes and Mr. (Frank) Cross. It was a great experience.

**Question: Where did you continue your college education?**

Freeman: I went to the University of Mississippi and received a degree in business administration with emphasis in banking. I graduated on a Saturday and went to work the following Monday at Newton County Bank. About six weeks later, I went through basic training and Advanced Individual Training for about six months.

**Question: Please update your family information.**

Freeman: I'm married to Karen McIntyre Freeman and we have two children. Our son, Trey Freeman, is employed as food services director at Anderson Hospital in Meridian and is married to the former Jan Whittington of Meridian. They have two girls and a boy, Katherine, Mary Margaret and Will. Our daughter, Dayna Freeman Habig, lives in Greenville, S.C. and is married to Brian Habig, a Presbyterian minister. They have two boys and a girl, John, Henry and Betsy.

# Former May Queen Donates Dress to Memoriabilia Room

Winston County native Jamie Etheridge Harrell, a 1949 graduate of East Central Junior College and former May Queen, recently donated her gown and crown to the College's Memorabilia Room in Burton Library. The dress and crown were hand-stitched by her mother, Pauline Haggard Etheridge, and have been in storage through the years.

She was on campus and made the presentation to Gloria Johnson, who serves as head librarian and oversees the Memorabilia Room, along with assistant librarian Gail Wood.

"The gown is absolutely gorgeous, although it was made some 60 years ago, it is quite appropriate for today's fashion. The gown adds impeccable volume to the historical culture of the College, and we are very fortunate to be able to add the gown to the May Day Activities Collection for Burton Library Memorabilia Room," said Johnson.

Harrell currently resides in Rayville, La. and retired as a public school music teacher after 32 years. She completed her bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Southern Mississippi and received the master's degree from Northeastern Louisiana University (now the University of Louisiana-Monroe).

"East Central was very instrumental in helping me to obtain my bachelor's degree," Harrell stated. During the 1949 term, graduation was held the night of May Day ceremonies. Harrell also recalled memories of her end-of-the-year music recitals, the sophomore party, Wo-He-Lo yearbook party, The Tom Tom staff and Glee Club. She also played piano and tuba in "Campus Buddies," a musical group that played on campus and at dances in the local communities.

Harrell said she would love to hear from other members of the 1949 May Day Court. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 111, Rayville, La., 71269.

*Jamie Etheridge Harrell (left) donated her 1949 May Queen gown to the College's Memorabilia Room. She is shown making the presentation to ECCC librarian Gloria Johnson.*

## *Donation Honors Burkes' Memory*

A Geneva Torchiere Lamp was recently donated to the Memorabilia Room at East Central Community College in memory of Roger Burkes, a former ECCC staff member who died in January 2008. Burkes was the husband of Ann Burkes (third from left) of Decatur, longtime librarian at the College who retired in May 2001. Making the presentation were (from left) Gail Wood, assistant librarian; Lucille Wood, faculty member; and Gloria Johnson (right), head librarian, who said the lamp was chosen "because of Roger's love of reading." Roger Burkes, a 1962 ECCC graduate, served on the East Central staff from 1992-96. The Memorabilia Room is located in Burton Library.





# Warren Trest: EC Alum and Military Author

*by Ovid Vickers, Special to the Warrior*

*Warren Trest*

Winston County native Warren Trest will tell you he did not become a writer because of an epiphany in his life. "I have, since my teens," Trest says, "had a great desire to write, and I find it to be the most rewarding thing I do."

Trest has five books, several histories of military units, and a group of yet-to-be-published plays to his credit. He graduated from Louisville High School in 1949, entered East Central Junior College in the fall semester of 1951, and completed his work at East Central in 1953.

While at East Central, Trest was a member of the staff of the college newspaper, The Tom-Tom. He was also a member of the Radio Club and an active member of the drama club, the East Central Players. In the Players' production of "Elizabeth the Queen," he played the part of Sir Robert Cecil. During the winter semester, he was cast by H. Keith Slothower, the drama director, in the most demanding role of Elwood P. Doud in the play "Harvey." Those who are familiar with this play will remember that many of the lines spoken by Doud are addressed to an imaginary rabbit.

Martha Quinton Graham, a fellow classmate, remembers Trest as an outgoing and congenial individual who could act and also write. "Everyone liked Trest," Graham said. "He was an energetic college student who was not only popular but was not afraid to use his talents."

When asked about his years at East Central, Trest had nothing but praise for the school and its faculty. The two teachers who influenced him most were Sarah Woodward, a fellow Winston Countian who taught English, and Stella Newsome who taught literature. Of Newsome, Trest said, "She was one of the most inspiring individuals I have ever known. She made everyone feel important and she instilled in me a love of learning which I have maintained throughout my life. Mrs. Newsome made reading and writing a pleasure, and I always looked forward to her classes because she had the great ability to give her students an insight into what they read."

After East Central, he saw service in Korea where he was a correspondent for the Third Infantry and also wrote for the military publication "Stars and Stripes." After serving in the military, Trest became chief writer for the histories division with the Office of Air Force History. In a career which spanned more than three decades, he authored and co-authored more than 50 official histories and studies, including Air Force Roles and Missions, a history which appeared in 1998.

This history of the roles and missions of the Air Force covers in well-researched and documented history a period from 1907, when the Secretary of War told the Signal Corps to investigate the possible military use of airplanes, to the present roles and missions of the Air Force as it continues to defend the nation and fight the nation's battles in the 21st century.

In the year 2000, Trest wrote Air Command One: Heinie Aderhold and America's Secret Air Wars. This book was published by the Smithsonian Institution Press and is the first biography of Aderholt. It tells the story of this renowned leader of counter insurgency operations and integrates U.S. Air Force and CIA accounts of some of the most pivotal historical events of the past 50 years.

Tufts University professor Richard H. Schultz, in commenting on Air Command One, says, "This book is a fascinating account of one of America's great secret warriors. It is difficult to put down as the author takes you from one secret mission to another. Trest gives us the full story of Heinie Aderholt, a genuine American hero."

Trest's book Wings of Denial, published in 2001, is his account of the Alabama National Guard's covert role in the Bay of Pigs and has been called "a superb account of one of the darkest tragedies of the Cold War era." The book describes in chilling detail the impact of John F. Kennedy's personal intervention in the Cuban Crisis. This book is coauthored with Donald Dodd.

Test's only novel, Missing in Paradise, a mystery, was published in 2003. One reviewer of the novel said, "This is my kind of book-an action-packed thriller that keeps the reader guessing and coming back for more. Jake Falcon, the lead character, is tough, resilient, and not afraid to take on the bad guys or the establishment."

Another review praised the novel by saying, "The descriptive passages paint realistic pictures and give life to the many scenes. The action is fast-paced, and the windup is surprising."

Nobody but the People, Trest's latest book, was published this year (2008). The book is the first authorized biography of former Alabama Governor John Patterson. Many people remember, or have read about, John Patterson being thrust into Alabama politics by the brutal murder of his father Attorney General-elect Albert L. Patterson in June of 1954. Albert Patterson had pledged to clean up vice-ridden Phenix City, Ala., but was gunned down before he could take office. When he became Governor, the slain Patterson's son was recognized for the great strides the state made in education, industrial growth, law enforcement and old age assistance.

When Warren Trest presented a copy of Nobody but the People to the East Central Library, he inscribed it, "To my esteemed Alma Mater, East Central Community College with great respect and enduring affection." Former Governor Patterson also wrote this notation, "With pleasure I join Warren Trest in presenting this book to the library of East Central Community College of Decatur, Mississippi."

Lucille Wood, a member of the East Central faculty, was instrumental in securing a collection of Trest's books for the East Central Library. Wood was a classmate of Warren Trest at Louis-

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# ECCC Alumna Has Novel Published

ECCC alumna Janis Daws ('75) recently had her novel, "If Worms Had Machine Guns: (My Name is John)," published.

"Even though I am a 'numbers' girl, I always felt that writing a book would someday be in my life's plan," Daws said. "The long-time dream has now become a reality."

"If Worms Had Machine Guns" is a story of life's lessons passed down from one generation to the next.

There's not a man alive who loves children more than John David Hughes loves his three boys. He's in the fight of his life to make his way back to them.

"You take the cards you are dealt and you play your best hand"...wise words from a father to a son. It hadn't been easy, but John had always tried to do just that. After a tremendous sacrifice to keep his family together, things finally seemed to be on track.

No one could have imagined the unexpected tragedy that was about to strike.

When talking about the concept of her novel, Daws told of an accident several years ago that her 19-year-old nephew was in.

"He had severe brain injuries and the doctors told us he wasn't going to make it. We went through 52 long days keeping a bedside vigil as he lay there in a coma. I convinced myself that John knew I was there with him and was aware of his surroundings.

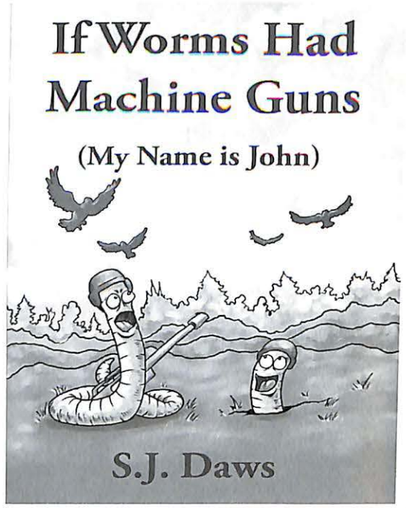
"If anyone doesn't believe in miracles, do I have a story for them! John not only woke up, but almost immediately started walking and talking again. The first thing I asked him was what he remembered. He didn't remember the accident or anything after it until the day he came out of his coma. I found myself fascinated with the concept of a man in that situation who is aware of what's going on around him and who relives his life as friends and family come in to see him.

"The seed was then planted for my novel, and the characters and their lives began to develop and take off from there."

*Janice Daws ('75) recently donated a copy of her novel, "If Worms Had Machine Guns," to ECCC's Burton Library.*

When asked about the unusual book cover and title, Daws said, "Even though my book is a work of fiction, just as the concept of the story was based on a true life event, so was the title. There is a chapter in the book called 'Life's Lessons' and after reading that chapter, the title will then make sense. When I think of my story, I think of it as reality meeting fantasy.

"My book is about love and life...about family and friendship...those experiences and relationships that we all share a common bond to. We celebrated my nephew's 13th birthday this




past year and I have been thankful each and every day for a life given back to us. Through it all, I have learned some amazing lessons about hope and faith and never giving up no matter what you face and I hope to have passed some of those same lessons along to the reader."

Daws has lived her entire life in the state of Mississippi. She was born and raised in Philadelphia, moved to and attended high school in Noxapater, and has lived in Louisville since completing college.

She completed her bachelor's degree in banking and finance from Mississippi State University and spent 25 years as operations manager and controller of TEMTCO in Louisville.

She has donated a copy of the book to ECCC's Burton Library.

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ville High School and at East Central. She has maintained a keen interest in Trest's writing and describes him as a gifted person who is a credit to Winston County and East Central Community College.

Today Trest and his wife live in Birmingham, Ala., where he continues to maintain a keen interest in military affairs and devotes much of his time to writing. He still credits East Central with much of the success he has enjoyed as a writer.

"I discovered through the guidance and encouragement of my teachers at East Central that I could achieve whatever I set out to do, and I have found great satisfaction in writing," Trest said.





# 'Unconquered,' A Novel by Johnny Neil Smith

*Reviewed by Ovid Vickers, Special to the Warrior*

Union native Johnny Neil Smith recently published a sequel to his first novel Hill Country Warriors. Smith's new novel is titled Unconquered, and with this novel he joins a group of Southern authors who have chosen to write about that period following the Civil War which historians refer to as the Period of Reconstruction.

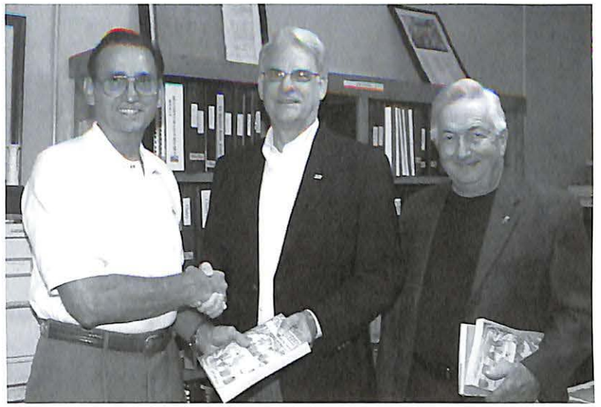
Much of the novel is set in Newton County and in the village of Little Rock. The book belongs to that genre of well-written novels built around actual historical events.

Unconquered is set against those years immediately following the Civil War which played such a major role in shaping the history of East Central Mississippi. Smith is not only a student of history; he is also a retired educator who has always maintained a keen interest in the development of this nation. Since his forebears lived in the Little Rock area, and since he heard many historic, folk, and fictional tales about East Central Mississippi, it is not surprising that he chose Newton County as one of the settings for this novel.

It is noteworthy that four of his great grandfathers served in the Confederate Army. Their stories have filtered down through the succeeding generations and have furnished a seed bed of information for this novel.

Smith has managed to weave into the tapestry of his story a very readable and believable account of those events which shaped the lives of both young and old following the greatest internal conflict this country has ever known. The customs, politics, economics and attitudes which existed following the Civil War are played out against a cast of interesting characters.

After four years of fighting and great loss of human lives and burning and pillaging of towns in both the North and South, the opposing armies stacked their weapons, and a house divided was once again united. But unification did not mean the South, rebellious and war-torn, would not face what seemed to be insurmountable problems.



*ECCC alumnus Johnnie Neil Smith (left) presented a copy of his latest novel, "Unconquered," to Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC president (center), during a book signing at the Newton County Archives. At right is ECCC alumnus Kenneth Jones, president of Decatur Branch of The Citizens' Bank of Philadelphia. (Photo by Lois Coooper)*

And what were these problems? Thousands of freed slaves had been led to believe they would receive "40 acres and a mule." This did not happen. These freed people became day workers or sharecroppers. The politicians felt that freedom, citizenship and the right to vote should satisfy the freed men. The South had no intention of accepting a change in the social structure. The question was often pondered as to who would step forward in an attempt to heal the wounds, salve the bitter feelings and rebuild the physical destruction left by the War.

The pivotal character in Unconquered is John Wilson, who appeared first in Smith's earlier novel. Wilson had fought for the Confederacy but upon returning home to Mississippi sensed a great need for harmony in the community. He felt that there was room for all races in the land he loved. When federal troops were removed from the South in 1876, a great struggle for power became evident.

As time passed, John Wilson was appointed a district judge, giving him the opportunity to implement his dreams of justice for all. This is his story, and also the story of all those men and women who worked so diligently to mend the bitter feelings and the destruction of people, places an ideas resulting from the Civil War.

With his second novel, Smith, who graduated from Union High School and East Central Community College, proves he can tell a good story. His characters are not cardboard figures. They move through the story as real people who are much involved in the events surrounding them.

The book is available on Amazon.com and in major bookstores.

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# Softball Field Named for Lucy Young

*Special to the Warrior by Ernest Bowker, Vicksburg Post*

*Lucy Young (photo by Meredith Spencer, Vicksburg Post)*

When Lucy Young took over Warren Central's softball program more than 30 years ago, its home field hardly resembled the top-notch facility it is today.

"We didn't have any fences," Young recalled with a laugh. "If you hit it far enough, that embankment would stop the balls. If it went onto the high grass you threw your hands up and it was a double. If it went onto the hill it was a home run."

Gradually, Lady Vikes Field rounded into shape. Fences were added, as were concrete dugouts, a batting cage, a new backstop and a new pressbox Now, the latest upgrade is the name.

As a thank-you to nearly three-and-a-half decades of service as a coach at Warren Central, Lady Vikes Field has been renamed Lucy Young Softball Field. It's one of only six athletic facilities in Warren County to be named after a person, and the only one named after a living person.

While Young credited her supporters, like a good coach, she did more than anyone to put Warren Central's softball and soccer programs on the map.

Young started the slow-pitch program in 1976, inheriting what was then WC's baseball field, and has been its coach ever since. She also coached boys soccer for 23 years, from 1975-98, girls soccer for 12 seasons, and fast pitch softball from its inception in 1999 to 2005.

That dedication to the school and its athletic programs led a group of softball booster parents to work toward renaming the field in her honor. The effort took several years, and was finally revealed at WC's athletic awards banquet in May.

"I was totally just overwhelmed. I had never been so surprised in my life," Young said.

Watching the field develop alongside the softball program has been rewarding, Young said. Even today, in an age where new softball fields are popping up regularly thanks to the rise of fast-pitch, WC is one of a handful that has its own field. Even powerhouse programs like Clinton and Brandon play on old baseball fields or at city parks.

Building their own field, a piece at a time over many years, made having it even more special.

"The only regret I have is that so much of our physical plant was brought about by Title IX, instead of it being the right thing to do. But as far as the physical plant, we have so much to take pride in," Young said. "Young players think it has always been this way, and you have to get them to understand that it hasn't. Even today, a lot of programs don't have their own field. That's something we wouldn't trade for anything."

As she enters her 32nd season as the slow-pitch coach, and 37th year overall at WC as a special education teacher, Young said she has no plans for retirement.

"I'll be starting my 37th year of teaching and I can't think of anything I'd rather do," Young said. "It seems like every week I'm asked at least three times, 'when are you going to retire?' I've adopted a reply of a friend of mine — I've still got work to do."

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Lucy Young is a native of Morton. She is a 1969 graduate of Morton High School. Young is the daughter to the late Mrs. Nelia and Mr. Spurgeon Young. She is the sister of Dub Young and Sherrie Johnson of Morton and Ruby Hamilton and Latain Blossom of Forest.)*

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# Diamond Success Pays Off For Chaney, McGee

*Special to the Warrior by Marty Stamper*

*Newton County High School softball coaches Dustin McGee (left) and Justin Chaney, both ECCC alumni, received MAC Coach of the Year awards for fast-pitch softball.*

Just listening to them talk, one might think Newton County head softball coach Justin Chaney (ECCC Class of '99) and assistant coach Dustin McGee (ECCC Class of '01) were twins ... or at the very least close brothers.

While the two aren't actually related, they do go back a long way. The two played together on Newton County's baseball teams with Chaney graduating in 1997 and McGee in 1999.

Both played for Mack Fanning and Chaney was eventually an assistant softball coach under the Hall of Fame coach.

Partly as the result of winning the 2007 Class 3A fast-pitch state championship, Chaney was selected the Mississippi Association of Coaches' Fast-pitch Coach of the Year and McGee was named Fast-pitch Assistant Coach of the Year. They followed it up by winning the 2008 Class 3A fast-pitch state title.

Chaney and McGee were honored at the 36th Anniversary Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Banquet recently in Jackson.

### *Early Potential*

Fanning recognized the leadership potential in Chaney as a high school player batting leadoff and catching for the Cougars and as an assistant coach with the Lady Cougars.

"Justin grew up around the baseball arena," Fanning said. "That doesn't mean he didn't live to play football or whatever, but I can remember when he used to be the bat boy when Derwood Munn was the coach there at Beulah Hubbard.

"His daddy, Ricky, was the baseball coach at Decatur. Ricky's told me several times that Justin said he hoped he'd get beat every time as long as it was Beulah Hubbard beating him.

"I can just see him as an upper elementary kid supporting the old Beulah Hubbard program."

After graduating college, Chaney returned to Newton County and began helping Fanning with the softball program and Jeff Breland with the football program.

"I saw in him a coach who wanted to learn how the game is played," Fanning said. "He does all the little things that need being done. When you take care of the little things, big things can happen.

"The way he approaches the game is the way that we liked it. He knows that it isn't something that's going to happen in one day.

There's a longevity and a reason for the way that you do things. "I think Justin goes about the game the right way. It's a small game and that's what Justin played in high school. He led off for me his senior year and batted second some. You've got to have somebody that's willing to give themselves up. That was his role. It's been a role that's carried over into his coaching," Fanning said.

"The ability to put team success first can be said for McGee as well."

"Dustin graduated in '99 and that year he turned out to be a key figure for us," Fanning said. "That was the year that Newton County made a run to the highest level it had achieved as far as baseball at that time."

The Cougars were the Class 3A state runner-up to Amory in 1999.

"As the year developed, his acceptance of wanting the ball in critical situations became more and more to the desire that he wanted to win," Fanning recalled.

"Dustin has gone about his learning how the little things are done as well as Justin has done. He also gives a good support element in supporting his players that play for him."

### *A Fateful Year*

As fate would have it, Newton County matched up with Fanning's Southeast Lauderdale teams for the Class 3A South State championship in both slowpitch and fastpitch this past school year.

Both times, Newton County came away with wins and went on to sweep the North State winner in the state finals.

Both times, Southeast had swept Newton County in the regular season only to lose to the Lady Cougars in the best-of-three playoff series. While Southeast won three of the five meetings for the year in both sports, Newton County came away with wins in the games that mattered most.

"In slowpitch, day in and day out, I think the teams were pretty even," Fanning said. "In fastpitch, on a given day either team could have won, but they won the one that counted. When we look at sports, that's what it's all about. The timing of a win is important. A loss at the right time might be the thing that pushes you over the top."

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### *A Matter of Trust*

"This is my ninth year being in the coaching profession," Chaney said. "Working with coach Breland in football and coach Fanning in softball, I learned that if you do not build relationships, it's tough to be successful.

"I tell my players all the time that they have to trust each other. As coaches, if we don't trust each other it's the same.

"If it's a tight game, we ask each other what they think. It goes back to the more you work together, you understand each other better. Sometimes we'll look at each other and not even say anything.

"For me as a head coach to have an assistant that can go out there day in and day out and me not have to be over there with him means a lot to me. One person cannot do everything.

"The older he's gotten and the more mature as a coach he's gotten, the better he's gotten. I just appreciate him being there with me and putting up with me sometimes."

### *Two Peas in a Pod*

"He's two years older than I am," McGee said of Chaney. "When he was a senior, I was a sophomore. I knew when we stepped on that field that he was going to give 100 percent and I'd like to think he knew the same thing about me.

"He played a position his senior year that he probably didn't expect to as catcher. As a first baseman and being as young as I was and never starting a whole lot before, he made it a whole lot easier on my job. I didn't have to think a whole lot, he thought for me.

"Now that I coach with him, he's constantly trying to figure out a way to win and he tries to do it the right way. Being an assistant coach and learning under him, it helps a lot.

"Our philosophies are a lot alike because we both played for the same person in high school, Mack Fanning. We kinda took from him and transformed into what we are."

### *Keeping it Going*

The program was in good shape when Chaney took over, having gone 162-38-1 with three state championships and a state runner-up finish in Fanning's six years as head coach.

Chaney and McGee have taken what they learned from Fanning and added some ideas of their own and the result is a pair of MHSAA Class 3A fastpitch state championships the last two years, a third-place finish in 2006, and a state runner-up showing in 2005.

The combined record for that four-year span is 92-34, which includes a 28-7 showing in postseason play.

You can throw in slowpitch state championships in 2005 and 2007 and a state runner-up finish in 2006 for good measure.

### *Family Affair*

While Chaney and McGee aren't actually related, they are in-laws as Chaney married McGee's sister, Tabitha.

"That's a neat thing too," Chaney said. "One of my goals when I took over was to create a family atmosphere. We have that here with our girls.

"Dustin and I probably spend 12 months out of the year together. A lot of times we might not even talk about softball, but in the course of a conversation it may come up as to what we're going to do here or what are we going to do there next year.

"The unique thing about it was being on the field together with Dustin and having my wife, who does the book for us, and my daughter, Hannah Grace, who travels with us. We were all together and I just think that's a neat atmosphere to be a part of. It's a very comfortable environment.

"I talk to some coaches that struggle and I don't even have to worry about that coming to work."

"A lot of folks may not know this, but we live about 150 yards apart, so we have a lot of family time," McGee said. "I really attribute that to a lot of our success because we're able to talk about things that go on up here not only when we're up here but at home too."

"It makes it easy when you come up with something. You can talk to each other about it."

"Being a family, it makes it a whole lot more fun to be as successful as we are. Not only can you have it at school, but you get to take it home with you and that's really a lot of fun."

### *Credit All Around*

"Assistant coaches don't get a whole lot of recognition sometimes, but fortunately I work for somebody that gives me credit when I do good, but he also lets me know when I don't do good and I like that," McGee said.

"I'm under the impression that if I ever stop learning something, I'm not going to be very good at it.

"But I wouldn't be able to win this award without God giving the ability to be able to do it and a good knowledge of the game, first of all from my dad who spent a lot of time with me, then playing for coach Fanning and coach (Jamie) Clark at East Central Community College, and coming here and coaching with coach Chaney.

"But we wouldn't be very good coaches if we didn't have really, really good players. We've been fortunate here at Newton County to have that.

"Players make good coaches. They're the best group in the world to coach and I wouldn't want to coach anybody else. They're just a lot of fun to be around."

## *2nd Annual Warrior Fitness Challenge*
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# *Friends Honor Lathem With Reception*

*Special to the Warrior by Chris Allen Baker, The Scott County Times*

A career of making a difference in the lives of students entered a new phase this summer for Skip Lathem who said goodbye to his role as superintendent of education for the Forest Municipal School District.

Lathem entered retirement June 30 but will not be too far away from the education environment he treasured since starting his career in 1982. That career was celebrated at Salem Cumberland Presbyterian Church with a reception in his honor.

Making a positive difference in the lives of students was his goal and leaving education resources better than the way he found was among his goals for 26 years.

"Knowing that I made a difference - that I had a positive influence on another individual - is what I cherish the most. While I am proud of the physical improvements to the school district, the assets that we added, and the overall financial situation that I leave for the district - none of that would matter if the students had not benefited," Lathem said.

Lathem, a Scott County native, is a graduate of Sebastopol Attendance Center, East Central Junior College (1980), and Mississippi State University. He began his teaching career at Murphy High School in Mobile, Ala., in August, 1982. Returning home to Mississippi in August, 1983, Lathem was hired as a math teacher at Morton High School where he was honored eight times as STAR Teacher.

After 11 years in the classroom, his career transitioned into administration in 1994 when he was named as principal of Morton High School. Lathem took the same position at Forest High School in 1998 where he served until being named superintendent in 2001 and served until this year.

During his tenure as superintendent, the Forest Schools saw an increase in student achievement, as measured by the achievement level index. Under Lathem's leadership, the financial status of the district improved tremendously as the districts assets increased by more than $2 million, the fund balance increased by over $1.25 million, renovations and upgrades were made, and the long term debt decreased, while the taxpayers of Forest saw a decrease in their tax rate.

*Skip Lathem*

When asked about person(s) who influenced his educational career, Lathem named Karen Pitts, his fifth grade math teacher; and his sister, Linda Lathem Corley. Influential educators during his high school years included Billy Paul Davidson, coach and assistant principal, and Billy Mack Wilbanks, his basketball coach for his senior year.

Other mentors included Lucille Wood, Lois McMullan, and the late Dr. Shelby Harris, all at then East Central Junior College.

"Even though they are not formal educators, my parents, Jim and Leona Lathem, have always been the most influential teachers in my life," Lathem said.

Lathem's departure from his role as superintendent came sooner than he planned after his contract was non-renewed by a 3-2 vote of the district's board of education in 2007. Through an agreement with the board, his tenure was extended for one year, but Lathem insisted on looking at the bright side of his tenure with few regrets.

"For the past few years, I had thought that I would begin wood turning full time when I left public service; however, due to circumstances beyond my control, I was faced with leaving public service or moving sooner than I expected," Lathem said.

"I tend not to worry about the 'what-ifs' because I truly believe that God knows what is best and that what has happened, what is happening and what is to come are all in God's hands," Lathem said. His only aspiration was imagining what could have been accomplished with unanimous support of the board, he said.

In reference to the events of the past year that included difficult relations with the board, Lathem said he appreciated support he received.

"There are so many people who stepped forward and were truly supportive. I appreciate all the thoughts, prayers, words of encouragement, and the support of numerous individuals who spoke publicly on my behalf. (Board members) Charlie Cox and Ronnie Foreman stood 'in the line of fire' for what they believed was right, and I will always be thankful to them," Lathem said.

While his wife, Ruth, will remain a few more years within the district as assistant principal at Forest Elementary School, Lathem has already accepted a position in a new career and he will pursue his love for woodworking part time. "I must publicly thank Ruth for being my 'constant' throughout my career," Lathem said, adding credit to former Forest Elementary Principal Nathan Oakley for service and friendship.

Lathem now works as Regional Account Executive for Raleigh, N.C.-based AlertNow.

"I will always be indebted to the FMSD office staff for the support that I have received during the years that I served at superintendent," Lathem said.

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| Newton County | 3,311.50 |
| Scott County | 1,240.00 |
| Winston County | 285.00 |
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Fiscal Year 2009 (July 2008 – August 15, 2008)

### LEAKE COUNTY

ANNUAL DUES

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Chris L. Bilbro '63
Allen Cullen '73
Carl Fulton '48
Ricky J. '03 and Sylvia J. Graves
Ray McGee '47
H. V. Neal, Jr. '64
Keith '75 and Lurline M. Neal '75
Douglas E. Peoples '52
Cline Watkins '63
Estelle B. Wilcox '40
Dianne V. Wooten '93

LIFETIME DUES

James D. Freeny '59
Lisa Jenkins '81
Timothy D. Overstreet '99

UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Ray Britt '66
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### NESHOBA COUNTY

ANNUAL DUES

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Lynn '69 and Kay Copeland '69
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Minetta Fortenberry '97
Gaynell M. Gentry '68
Virginia C. Kight '64
Thomas J. Madison '00
Carl '68 and Laura Mason '68
C. V. Mitchell '41
Joe Mulholland '55
Glenn '78 and Debra Nicholson '78
Bernita Reynolds '95
Larry '58 and Phyllus V. Robinson '59
Amanda Savell '97
Reggie '89 and Tammy Shumaker '89
Ramond G. Stokes '56
Kinoth E. '48 and Ella Mae Thornton '51
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Ed '66 and Gloria Williamson
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LIFETIME DUES

Steve Breland '78

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ANNUAL DUES

Cindy K. Alexander '97
Clayton R. '67 and Bettye Barnett '72
Elizabeth Breland '60
Ann H. Burkes '63
Leola W. Burton '43
Brenda Chaney '75
Josh Chaney '02
Kristin Chaney '05
Pat '68 and Martha Cleveland '69
Brenda Crosby '69
Bob Douglas '67
Thedra L. Ezelle '47
Ray Gibson
Etna Jean Gray '53
Richard Harris '52
Barbara J. Harrison '76
Ricky '78 and Janean Harrison
Faye C. Henley
Johnnie Keith '45
Nancy D. Kidd '76
Henry G. Langley, Jr. '50
Richard '55 and Betty Mayo '55
Kee Kee Micheal '97
Nathan Palmer '06
Randy Rushing '83
William '52 and Barbara Sue Simkins '56
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Hal '01 and Emily Thompson '01
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J. W. Thrash '51
June H. Tobelman '48
Elton Wall '56

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Lurleene B. Ledlow '37
Caleb '02 and Natalie May '01
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UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

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Bobby R. Gaines '67
James J. '53 and Jo M. Harris '54
Chad '92 and Nicole F. Harrison '92
Jeanette B. Thrash '58

### SCOTT COUNTY

ANNUAL DUES

Larry J. Bradford '70
Ralph Brown, Jr. '72
Sherrell Brown '06
Fannie Merle Clark '56
Jerry '70 and Gwyn Cooper '71
Charlie Cox '79
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Natalie Gibbs '79
Johnny Gunn '01
Charles Hall '57
Ted Jones '74
Drew '04 and Kery M. Kenna '04
Thomas D. Langford, Jr. '49
Billy R. Lovett '57
Arlene B. Monk '95
Joe Patterson '07
Gary '62 and Nelda Risher '63
Kathy D. Sanders '90
Robert '00 and Diane Savell
W. Royce Shaw '68
Joe Tadlock '71
Joe '78 and Dorothy Vance '78
Todd '96 and Krisan Williams '98

LIFETIME DUES

Billy Frank Alford '60
Chad '93 and Karen Moorehead '89
James E. '67 and Claudette W. Tucker '68

UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Patsy J. Wilkerson '53

### WINSTON COUNTY

ANNUAL DUES

Beverly C. Clark '70
Justin Clark '02
Sylvia Janice Daws '75
T.J. '70 and Birdie Jennings '71
Bruce Lee '93
Amanda Lovorn '62
Marc '77 and Carrie McCool '77
Bobby '62 and Ann Moody '62
Roy L. Roberts '47
Sandra E. Williamson '77

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ANNUAL DUES

William Larry Adams '57
Billy J. Alderman '60
Murray Allen '52
Thurman '57 and Nancy Alley '68
Brent Bailey '90
Ruth D. Barger '76
Linda S. Barron '62
Emily S. Beaver '58
Janie Blasingame '82
Douglas M. Blount '56
Irvin D. Callahan '54
Parker B. Cannon '49
James Frank '62 and Mattie O. Carpenter
Billy T. Chisolm '61
Betty M. Comegys '59
Brian C. Cooper '91
Mary Evelyn R. Craft '48
Paul Craft '62
Barry '98 and Samantha P. Denson '05
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Neva M. Doler '40
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Suzanne B. Eady '76
Jason '99 and Leslie Eason '99
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Percy M. Frazier '54
Davis Gary '41
Charles '57 and Lee Ann R. Germany '57
Russell Giambrone '04
Mildred H. Gibbons '45

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Renee N. Guthrie '62
Betty Haney '65
Jacqueline W. Harmon '58
Jamie E. Harrell '49
Norman '47 and Miriam Harris '47
Joe M. Hendrix '57
Max G. Herrington '46
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Mary Ellen J. Hopson '92
Virginia W. Horton '62
Grace Wauldine F. Houston '45
Dewitt '76 and Becky Hynes '75
Jerry L. Johnson '72
Margaret S. Johnson '52
Patsy C. Johnston '52
Doyle '60 and Ollie Faye M. Jones '60
Sandy Keenan '68
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Robert V. Lassetter '53
James D. Lowery '56
Torris A. Lyle '57
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Patty S. McInnis '50
Hilda G. McRaney '44
James B. '58 and Carolyn M. McCraney '58
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Cecil M. Murray '51
Ron '71 and Susan Noblin
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O. F. Parker '42
Charles L. Parks '52
Juanita G. Peavy '54
Kim J. Poe '76
Carolyn K. Pope '56
Mike Pope '54
Barbara H. Pounds '52
Mike Presley '56
Bobbie Nell S. Ray '60
Ladd H. Reynolds '84
Max Rich '54
Steve Richardson '66
Christine T. Riley '61
Joe L. Rivers '58
Anne L. Rouse '61
Laura G. Rowell '37
Clyde D. Shaw '55
David Singleton '59
George C. '57 and Alice Faye Skinner '59
Elizabeth Spingler '41
Ken Stidham '64
Gary Taylor '59
Bobby A. '62 and Sandra A. Thames '62
James S. '48 and Gwen W. Thomas '48
Mike Thomas '67
Bobby '75 and Marjory Thrash '75
Terry Thrash '80
Misty C. Thompson '92
Cherish Townsend
Jerry D. '66 and Diana L. Turner '66
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William A. Waldrip, Jr. '64
Richard '56 and Elaine Warwick
Judy Webber '56
Don Williams '62
Joe H. Williams '55
John '03 and Jennifer Williams '03
John C. '55 and Sara L. Williams '56

LIFETIME DUES

John C. '66 and Sylvia H. Adcock '69
Jennifer Bane '03
Thomas E. Hannah '57
Troy H. '54 and Delores U. Henderson '55
Zachery '06 and Amanda S. Kilpatrick '07
Joe D. Massey '51
Dale '63 and Sylvia Mayo '64
James Curt Pouncey '69
Carol G. Ratcliff '53
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Martha Janice H. Thrash '49

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Johnny Walton '61
Given in memory of Riley Burton
W. Lamar Weems, M.D. '51
E. L. Youngblood, Jr. '50

## *Attention: Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959*

Homecoming at East Central Community College is set for Saturday, September 27, 2008. This will be a very special day for members of the EC Class of 1958 who will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of their time at East Central. Each student who was a sophomore in 1958 will receive a "golden diploma" whether or not he or she actually walked across the stage on graduation night.

The celebration will begin on Friday night, September 26, at 7 p.m. with a dinner-reunion for all three classes in the Gold Room of the East Central Cafeteria. Dr. Phil Sutphin, President of the College, will be there to greet us and update us on happenings at our alma mater, and Ovid Vickers will give us a short "memory" of the years at East Central between 1956 and 1959. This should be a great time of getting reacquainted, and we hope you can be there.

On another matter, we are pleased that our efforts to endow a scholarship in the name of our three classes have raised nearly $11,000 of the $25,000 goal. The committee which was established last year at Homecoming to spearhead this endeavor has done a great job, and we hope to meet the goal of having the scholarship fully endowed by the end of this calendar year.

We are excited about this special celebration, and we look forward to seeing each of you. Please complete the form below and return it before September 22, so that plans for the Friday night dinner can be completed.

If you have any questions, please call one of us or Stacey Hollingsworth in the Alumni Office at East Central at 601-635-6327.

Sincerely,

Carole Pace Henry
Class of 1957
601-856-8030

Nancy Peterson Haggard
Class of 1958
601-924-5489

Dorothy Thomas
Class of 1959
601-650-9608

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check Enclosed: _____
(Friday evening meal is $15 each.)

Donation to Scholarship: _____
In honor of: _____
In memory of: _____





## *An endowed scholarship is a gift of a lifetime...*

The following scholarships have been established in the East Central Community College Foundation office and with your help can reach endowed status:

Iris Boggan Scholarship
Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959 Scholarship
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To make a contribution mail to: East Central Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. (Please be sure to designate your contribution to a specific scholarship fund.)

For more information on how to establish an annual or endowed scholarship at East Central, contact the Foundation office at 601-635-6327.

### *Support the ECCC Foundation Through the Annual Fund*

Public resources are limited and tied to specific needs. The College needs unrestricted funds to develop the potential of our students. Thus, the College continues to seek a consistent method for securing private support. We strive to secure these unrestricted private funds through our annual fund campaign.

We invite you to renew your commitment to your community college by contributing to our "Investors In Excellence" Annual Fund Campaign for 2008. Gifts to the "Investors in Excellence" Annual Fund program are tax-deductible, subject to IRS regulations, when made to the East Central Community College Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

Private support such as yours enables us to continue to attract top quality students to the College. If you are in a position to help us, please fill out the form below.

Make a tax-deductible gift to the Annual Fund. Join an "Investors in Excellence" Gift Club.

FIVE-YEAR CLUBS
[ ] 21st Century Club - $2,500 Annually
[ ] Leadership Club - $1,500 Annually
[ ] Loyalty Club - $1,000 Annually

THREE-YEAR CLUBS
[ ] 21st Century Club - $300-$1000 Annually
[ ] Leadership Club III - $100-$299 Annually
[ ] Loyalty Club III - $1-$99 Annually

HONOR CLUB (CURRENT YEAR)
[ ] Platinum $10,000 or More
[ ] Gold $5,000 to $9,999
[ ] Silver $1,000 to 4,999

ESTATES/INSURANCE
[ ] Heritage Club-Planned gifts via wills and estate planning
[ ] I have included EC in my estate plans
[ ] I would like info about estate plans

Please Fill Out:

Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____

Year(s) attended EC: _____ Year Graduated from EC: _____

Home Phone # _____ Business Phone # _____

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***Mail to: ECCC Foundation, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327***

## Warrior Club Contributions

(January 2008 - August 15, 2008)

### LEAKE COUNTY

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Mr. Danny Allen '69
Mr. Ide B. Dickens, Jr. '40
Mr. William E. Kitchings
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Dr. Howard Carlton '50 and Mrs. Shirley McMillin
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Papoose
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Chief
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Super Brave
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Mr. Morris Presley '57
Mr. Clint Smith '56
Edward '66 and Gloria Williamson
Brave
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Mr. Clarence V. Mitchell '41

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Young Brave
Bobby and Pat Addy '58
Mark '81 and Theresa Buntyn
Mr. Chris Clark '83
Mr. Kelly Cluff '01
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Mrs. Sue Ford
Patrick and Dianne O'Neill
Ovid and Carol Vickers '58
Papoose
Mrs. Ann H. Burkes '63
Mrs. Lois B. Cooper '59
Mr. Bobby R. Gaines '67
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harris '52
Ms. Beverly Hart
Mrs. Ola Hunter
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Ms. Molly McGee '74
Clinton '55 and Barbara Russell '54
Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Hal'01 and Emily Thompson '01
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Ms. Karen Yates '87

### SCOTT COUNTY

Chief
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Super Brave
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Mr. Kenneth Everett '89
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Papoose
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### OUT-OF-DISTRICT

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Rev. Jane T. Gurry '51
Mississippi Forestry Commission
Jerry and Twyla Pruden

**TENNIS COURT RENOVATION FUND**
(Goal $20,000)
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Elizabeth C. Hegwood '41
Kery M. Kenna '04
Terry Thrash '80

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## *Tennis Court Renovation Project*

East Central Community College has been working during the last couple of months to develop a plan to renovate the existing tennis courts on the Decatur campus. With these proposed renovations, the College hopes to bring the tennis program to the level of other Mississippi community/junior colleges. The existing courts are used year-round by the college and the adjacent communities.

According to Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, "The most current need is resurfacing of the courts and if funding becomes available adding bleachers, backboards, water fountains, and other court amenities."

She added, "However, cost is a limiting factor. There are currently many deep cracks and low areas on the existing courts that can and do affect the players, as well as the speed and angle of the tennis ball. The college is seeking your help in order to provide a safer recreational facility with a quality playing surface and to accommodate the growing demand for use of the existing tennis courts."

Funding received will be used to resurface the four existing courts including filling and leveling all cracks and low areas, installing a coat of acrylic resurfacer, installing coats of acrylic color and installing white textured playing lines. The approximate cost of these renovations is $20,000. If more funding is raised, other amenities can be added to the tennis facility.

All contributions are tax deductible when made payable to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc. Contributions should be earmarked for the Tennis Court Renovation Fund and mailed to the ECCC Foundation, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

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The ECCC Foundation currently maintains 60 endowed scholarships, 28 annual scholarships, and five partially endowed scholarships.

For the 2008-2009 school year, the Foundation awarded $87,564 in scholarship awards to ECCC students thanks to contributions to the Foundation's scholarship program.

### ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

($10,000.00 Minimum required to endow; contributions may be any amount.)

**ANN BURKES PHI THETA KAPPA**
Gene '63 and Linda Wiggins '63
Given in memory of Roger Burkes

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Given in memory of Riley Burton

**LUCILLE WOOD**
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### PARTIALLY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

($10,000 GOAL)

**CLASSES OF 1957, 1958, & 1959**
($10,936.65 Raised – Goal $25,000)
William Larry Adams '57
Thurman '57 and Nancy Alley '68
Emily S. Beaver '58
Given in memory of Martha Tullos Hummel
Danna M. Bennett '58
Given in honor of Lucille Wood
Hallie Jean F. Blalock '58
Given in honor of the Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959
Leonard K. Blalock '57
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Raymond J. Carter '58
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Tommy Chason '58
Kenneth Dunagin '58
James E. Fisackerly '58
Given in memory of Georgia Fisackerly
Jacqueline W. Harmon '58
Given in memory of Sue Gunter
Linda A. Horn '59
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Given in honor of A. J. Kilpatrick
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Given in memory of Janet Denson Schaeffer
Dr. Milton Matthews '58
Given in memory of Shelby Harris
Capt. Bill McDonald '59
Given in memory of Carol Head
John H. McKinney '57
A. Clyde Mills '58
Beverly B. Rhodes '58
Larry Savell '57
James C. '59 and Shirley R. Sawyer '58
Gary Taylor '59
Given in memory of Peggy Johnson Taylor
O. G. Thomas
Given in honor of Jo Ann Aycock Thomas
Ovid and Carol Vickers '58
Given in memory of Roger Burkes
Margaret E. Wilkerson '58
Dr. Clyde V. Williams '57
Given in memory of Martha Tullos Hummel
Rudye C. Woodruff '57
Given in memory of good times

**HOGUE-BRANTLEY**
($9,400 Raised)
Carolyn H. Appler '66
Entergy Services, Inc. (Jackson)
Larry Hogue '61

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Saundra Hutton
Tony Munn '58
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Bank of Morton

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## *Renew Your Alumni Association Membership*

It's time once again to renew your commitment to the East Central Community College Alumni Association. Thanks to past support by loyal alumni and friends, the Association was able to fund three full-tuition scholarships for deserving EC students.

Your annual Alumni Association contributions help to continue the growth of the Association and to benefit the next generation of alumni. Membership dues run on a fiscal year basis (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009). Annual dues are $10 single and $15 joint, or you may pay your lifetime membership dues, $100 single lifetime or $150 joint lifetime. If you are already a lifetime member, please consider making a general donation to the Alumni Association.

Checks should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association and mailed to P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

# ECCC Warrior Golf Classic Nets $6,500 For Student Scholarships

Approximately $6,500 was raised for student scholarships as a result of the seventh annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic, according to tournament coordinator Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

Hollingsworth said 25 teams participated in the four-person scramble, held June 19 on the award-winning Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, a Development of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. The College's Alumni Association has sponsored the annual fundraiser since 2002.

"The Warrior Golf Classic was once again a great event for the College's Alumni Association," Hollingsworth said. "We certainly want to thank all the participants, corporate and hole sponsors, volunteers and the Dancing Rabbit staff for another successful tournament."

Hollingsworth noted almost $24,000 in scholarship monies have been awarded since the tournament's inception. Scholarships are awarded to students residing in the College's five-county district during the annual AT&T Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held each summer on the Decatur campus.

The Commercial Bank team took top honors in this year's competition by carding a 53 on the par 72 course. Team members included Bo Welch, Shayne Bishop and Joedy Blount, all of Union; and Chuck Alderman of Philadelphia.

Cox and Powers Agency in Carthage won the corporate division with a 55 and finished runners-up in the championship flight. Team members were Aubry Cox, Jimmy Bell and Larry Waggoner, all of Carthage; and Bob Jordan of Kosciusko. Eleven teams competed for the corporate trophy.

The Community Bank team also shot a 55 but finished third in the championship flight due to a scorecard playoff. Team members include Steve Gibson, Tommy Smith, Bert Atkison and Vance Cox, all of Forest.

Also competing in the championship flight were the Pat Ross team (Pat Ross and Robert Luke, both of Hickory; Wayne McDill of Newton and Ken Stringer of Decatur), which shot a 57 as did Southern Pine Electric Association (Jason Siegfried and Michael Tolbert, both of Brandon; and Chad Lewis and Jason Mangrum, both of Decatur). The Cyrus Ben team (Cyrus Ben, Demando Mingo, Jason Grisham and Kevin Grisham, all of Choctaw) carded a 58, and a score of 60 was recorded by First Financial Bank (Brad Ogletree, Gayden Bell, Terry Thomas and John Gregory, all of Carthage). Posting a score of 61 were the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (Alvin Waiter and Hayward Bell, both of Choctaw; and Regis Wilson and Sammie Wilson, both of Carthage) and the Don Culpepper team (Don Culpepper and Ty Culpepper, both of Philadelphia; and Billy Singleton and Billy Singleton Jr., both of Union).

*FIRST FLIGHT*

Valley Services, Inc. won the first flight with a 61. Team members were Jim Walt of Flowood, Bob Harper of Madison and George Futris and Johnny Barlow, both of Ridgeland. The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia placed second with a 62. Team members included Don Cooper, Rusty Barnett, James Jones and Randy McElhenney, all of Decatur. The Ron Perkins team finished third with a 62. Team members were Ron Perkins of Louisville, Jason Laird of Meridian, Darrel Rowzee of Union and Andy Rowzee of Hickory. Also competing in the first flight were the Jerry Rogers/Georgia Pacific team (Jerry Rogers of Atlanta, Ga., and Randy McDill, Sammy McDill and Mack Hollingsworth, all of Decatur), 62; ECCC Alumni team (Mike Goodwin of Carthage, Billy Smith and Joe Killens, both of Decatur; and Patrick Brown of Madison), Howard Industries, Inc., (Rusty Thoms, Michael Greene, Chaz Ray and Kyle Logan, all of Madison; and Glynn Griffing and Associates (Glynn Griffin and Milton Walker, both of Jackson; Brent Walker of Flowood and Bob Ward of Avon, Ohio), all with a 63; Tyson Foods, Inc., (Bryan Manley and Tommy Waters, both of Brandon; David Minett of Pearl; and Eddie McDill of Forest), 64; Gardner Insurance Agency (Walter Gardner of Decatur, Roy Thigpen of Louin, Charles Anderson of Forest and Randolph Webster of Newton), 64; and Philadelphia Sports Unlimited, Inc. (Jason Willis, Brent Page, Rick Sparks and B. J. Morrow, all of Philadelphia), 66.

*SECOND FLIGHT*

ECCC Coaches took top honors in the second flight with a 67. Team members were head football coach Steve Cheatham and assistants Brian Anderson and Kyle Watson, all of Decatur; and Bo Burkes of Philadelphia. Applied Geo Technologies, Inc. finished second with a 68. Team members were Mike Miller and David Whitaker, both of Philadelphia; and Tim Nelson and James Robinson, both of Choctaw. SIVAD, Inc. (Team #2) finished third at 69. Team members were Chris Murphy of Ridgeland, Chris Clark and Ronnie Westbrook, both of Decatur; and Kyle James of Philadelphia. Also competing in the second flight were the SIVID, Inc. (Team #1), whose members included Cole Harris and Joe Barrett, both of Decatur; Joseph Knight of Union and Betsy Mann of Philadelphia, 69; the Michael F. Payment team (Dr. Michael Payment of Jackson, Greg and Flo Henley of Starkville and Julie McNamara of Ridgeland), 70; and La-Z-Boy South (Tom Keith, Chris Davis and Camp Keith, all of Decatur; and Ronnie Poythress, Meridian), 72.

*SPECIAL PRIZES*

Tommy Waters of Brandon, a member of the Tyson Foods, Inc., team was the lucky winner of a new La-Z-Boy chair and George Futris of Ridgeland, a member of the Valley Services, Inc. team, won the Drive-the-Middle contest and received a ticket package to the

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## *ECCC Warrior Golf Classic Winners*

The Commercial Bank team won top honors in the seventh annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic held June 19 at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. The talented golfers shot a 53 on the par 72 Oaks Course, site of this year's event. Team members include (from left) Chuck Alderman of Philadelphia, and Shayne Bishop, Bo Welch and Joedy Blount, all of of Union.

## *Corporate Winners*

Golfers representing the Cox and Powers Agency in Carthage captured corporate division honors and placed second overall in the seventh annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left) is shown presenting the corporate award to Aubry Cox, Jimmy Bell and Larry Waggoner, all of Carthage, and Bob Jordan of Kosciusko, who carded a 53 on the par 72 Oaks Course, site of this year's event.

## WARRIOR GOLF CLASSIC

Viking Classic at Annandale and numerous golfing and cooking accessories.

*SPONSORS*

Gold sponsors were Applied GEO Technologies, Inc. in Choctaw; Community Bank, Forest; Cox and Powers Insurance Agency, Inc., Carthage; First Financial Bank, Carthage; Glynn Griffing and Associates, Jackson; Howard Industries, Inc., Laurel; La-Z-Boy South, Newton; Dr. Michael F. Payment, Jackson; SIVAD Inc., Ridgeland; and Tyson Foods, Inc., Carthage.

Bronze sponsors were Capital Oil, Inc. of Jackson and Newton; First American Printing and Direct Mail, Choctaw and Ocean Springs; and Popeyes of Philadelphia and Meridian.

The ECCC Foundation, Inc. sponsored the "Hole-in-One" competition on all par-three holes.

Team sponsors included The Citizens Bank, Decatur and Philadelphia; Commercial Bank; Gardner Insurance Agency, Newton; Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw; Philadelphia Sports Unlimited, Inc.; Jerry Rogers/Georgia Pacific, Atlanta, Ga.; Southern Pine Electric Power Association, Newton and Taylorsville; and Valley Services, Inc., Jackson.

Player sponsors were Newton County Bank, Newton; Richton Tie and Timber, LLC, Petal; Shelter Insurance, Philadelphia; and Sonic Drive-In Philadelphia, LTD.

Birdies for Charity in Jackson sponsored the "Drive-the-Middle" competition.

Providing door prizes were the ECCC Alumni Association, ECCC Bookstore, Entergy Services, Inc. Jackson; Flo Henley, Starkville; La-Z-Boy South, Newton; and Mississippi Power, Newton

For information on the 2009 ECCC Warrior Golf Classic contact Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-322, ext. 372. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

## *Place Third in Golf Classc*

The Community Bank team placed third in the championship flight of the seventh annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic. The talented golfers carded a 55 on the par 72 Oaks Course. Team members include (from left) Bert Atkison, Steve Gibson, Vance Cox and Tommy Smith, all of Forest.

## *First Flight Winners*

Golfers representing Valley Services, Inc. won first flight honors in the Warrior Golf Classic. Team members carded a 61 on the par 72 course. From left are Johnny Barlow of Ridgeland, Jim Walt of Flowood, Bob Harper of Madison and George Futris of Ridgeland. Futris also won the "Drive-the-Middle" contest and received a ticket package to the Viking Classic at Annandale and numerous golfing and cooking accessories.

## *First Flight Runners-Up*

Golfers representing The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia won first flight, runners-up honors in the Warrior Golf Classic. Team members carded a 62 on the par 72 Oaks Course. From left are Randy McElhenney, Don Cooper, Rusty Barnett and James Jones, all of Decatur.

## *First Flight, Third Place Winners*

The Ron Perkins Team captured first flight, third-place honors in the Warrior Golf Classic. Team members carded a 62 on the par 72 Oaks Course. From left are Ron Perkins of Louisville, Jason Laird of Meridian, Darrell Rowzee of Union and Andy Rowzee of Hickory.

## *Second Flight Winners*

The ECCC Coaches team won second flight honors in the seventh annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic. Team members carded a 67 on the par 72 Oaks Course. From left are head football coach Steve Cheatham and assistants Brian Anderson and Kyle Watson, all of Decatur; and Bo Burkes of Philadelphia.

## *Second Flight Runners-Up*

Golfers representing Applied Geo Technologies, Inc. took second flight, second-place honors in the Warrior Golf Classic. Team members shot a 68 on the par 72 Oaks Course. From left are David Whitaker of Philadelphia, Tim Nelson of Choctaw, Mike Miller of Philadelphia and James Robinson of Choctaw.

## *Second Flight, Third Place Winners*

SIVID, Inc. took second flight, third-place honors in the Warrior Golf Classic. Team members carded a 69 on the par 72 Oaks Course. From left are Chris Clark and Ronnie Westbrook, both of Decatur; Chris Murphy of Ridgeland; and Kyle James of Philadelphia.

## *La-Z-Boy Winner*

Tommy Waters of Brandon relaxes in his new La-Z-Boy chair provided as one of the top door prizes at the seventh annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic. Waters was a member of the Tyson Foods, Inc. team, which shot a 64 on the par 72 Oaks Course.

# Thank You to Sponsors of the 7th Annual Warrior Golf Classic

***Thursday, June 19, 2008***
***Oaks Course • Raised $6,500***

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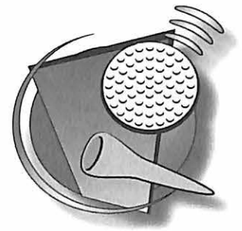

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## FRIENDS OF THE WALL O' SOUND

With the continued growth of the ECCC band, demands for equipment and facilities have created challenges on the financial resources available for the department.

Under the direction of Thomas Carson, the band program has developed a tremendous surge in participation and programs. In addition to the 150+ member "Wall O' Sound" marching band, a concert band, jazz band, nationally touring rock and roll band (The Collegians), percussion ensemble and touring marching drum line round out a very diverse and active program available to the EC students.

The ECCC foundation is making available to all alumni and fans of the band, an opportunity to "help make music" through financial support. These funds will be used to purchase much needed equipment and facilities necessary to maintain a modern, up to date program.

As a member of the "Friends of the Wall O' Sound," you may offer your financial support as follows:

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**ALUMNUS/ALUMNA OF THE YEAR ***

Name:_____ Maiden_____

Years Attended, Graduated EC:_____

Address:_____

Phone (w)_____(h)_____

High School Graduated From:_____ County_____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From_____ Years_____

Work Experience:
Place Position Dates

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Did spouse attend EC ___ Yes ___ No, If yes, Years Attended/Graduated_____

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Attach additional information, if needed.
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Deadline: July 01, 2009

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_____Maiden_____
Address_____
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Phone (h)_____ (w)_____
Years attended/graduated EC_____

**Applications are good for two consecutive years. Additional info about nominees is encouraged. Attach info to this form. Selection is based primarily on print materials received.*

**EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
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Phone: (work)_____(home)_____

High School:_____County_____

Sports Lettered In & Honors Received In Community College:_____

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Honors Received:_____

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# In Memoriam

### *Kenneth Coleman*

Kenneth Coleman, 53, of Philadelphia, died June 20, 2008, in Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian following an extended illness. Funeral services were held June 23, 2008, in the Neshoba County Coliseum with burial in Donald Rest Cemetery. Coleman was Philadelphia's first Black fire chief, a position he held for 17 years. He was credited for being the first fire chief to implement minimal-standard training in the department. He served the Philadelphia Fire Department for 30 years.

### *Norman S. Dallas*

Norman S. Dallas, 75, of the House Community, died May 26, 2008, at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian. Funeral services were held May 30, 2008, at Milling Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery. Dallas was a retired educator, merchant and farmer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War.

### *Willie "Lil Bo" Grace Jr.*

Willie "Lil Bo" Grace Jr., 32, of Meridian, died June 15, 2008, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held June 22, 2008, at Fifth Street Baptist Church in Meridian with burial in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in DeKalb. Grace was a member of East Central Community College's 1998 State Championship baseball team. He was employed at Rankin Mailing Service in Meridian.

### *Charles Monroe Harris*

Charles Monroe Harris, 88, of Decatur, died May 9, 2008. Funeral services were held May 12, 2008 at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur with burial in Decatur Cemetery. Harris, a native of Decatur, was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942. He served in Europe during World War II. Harris worked for the USDA's Soil Conservation Service from which he retired after 30 years. He was later employed by the Experiment Station until his retirement.

### *Pam Harris*

Pam Harris, 51, of Decatur, died June 25, 2008, in Ochsner Hospital in New Orleans. Funeral services were held June 27, 2008, at Clarke Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. Harris, a retired educator of 28 years, served at Hickory and Decatur schools. She was an active member of Clarke Venable Baptist Church, where she served in many areas of church activity. She retired from Newton County High School in 2006.

### *Douglas Horton*

Douglas James George Horton, 58, of Jackson, died July 5, 2008, in Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Funeral services were held on July 9, 2008, in St. Andrew's Cathedral, with burial in Conehatta Cemetery in Newton County. A native of Newton, he obtained a bachelor of science in mathematics education followed by graduate work in German and computer science. Horton was a long-time member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, where he sang in the choir. He was a former member of the Conehatta Methodist Church. He was employed for 27 years by Mississippi Baptist Health Services, where he was a senior systems operator for the Department of Information Technology.

### *Jane B. Jackson*

Jane Breazeale Jackson, 44, of Meridian, died June 13, 2008, in Petal. Funeral services for Jackson were held June 16, 2008, from the chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Home in Philadelphia, with burial in Sand Hill Cemetery in Neshoba County. She taught school at Philadelphia High School in Philadelphia, Northeast Lauderdale Middle School in Lauderdale County and General Education Development at East Central Community College in Decatur. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

### *Diane Howington Loper*

Betty Diane Howington Loper, 47, of Little Rock, died May 30, 2008, at Rush Hospital in Meridian. Funeral services were held June 1, 2008, from Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Little Rock, with burial in the church cemetery. Loper was a native and long-time resident of the Pleasant Grove Community of Little Rock. Loper was a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church in the House Community of Neshoba County.

### *Kenneth A. Madison*

Kenneth Allen Madison, 75, died Sunday, August 31, 2008, in his home. Services were held Tuesday, September 2 in McClain-Hays Funeral Home. He attended Mississippi State University and majored in Dairy Science. He later graduated from the LSU School of Banking of the South. He served in the U.S. Navy and later became president of the Bank of Philadelphia. He served on numerous boards of directors and was selected East Central's Alumnus of the Year in 1986.

### *Bobby R. Mulholland, Sr.*

Bobby R. Mulholland Sr. (Class of 1948) of Jackson died February 2, 2008, at St. Dominic Hospital. Funeral services were held at Baldwin-Lee Funeral Home with interment in Lake Wood Park in Jackson. While attending East

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Central, he served as business manager of The Tom Tom staff, and he spent his business career in the financial sector.

### *Martha Kate Land Phillips*

Martha Kate Land Phillips (Class of 1943) of Calhoun City, died May 18, 2008. She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she had served as a Sunday School teacher and been active in all church activities. She had worked as Calhoun County Home Economist from 1952 until her retirement in 1979.

### *Joey Thrash*

Joey Bryan Thrash died July 1, 2008. He was an ECCC graduate and a member of the ECCC Hall of Fame.

### *Lawrence S. Tingle*

Lawrence S. Tingle, 60, of Newton, died July 9, 2008, at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held July 12, 2008, at Jerusalem Baptist Church in Lawrence, with burial in Lawrence Cemetery. Tingle was a retired Meridian Public Schools educator. She was a member of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church and served as deaconess, and on the home mission board and in the Third New Hope Baptist Association and as dean of Women Auxiliary.

### *Bobby Webb*

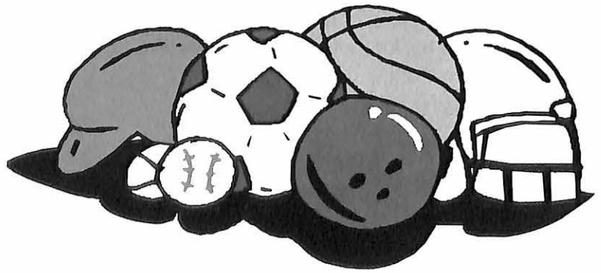
Bobby Charles Webb, 72, of Walnut Grove, died on July 4, 2008, from complications of Louie Body Dementia at his home in Daphne, Ala. Webb attended East Central Community College from 1954 - 1956 and received a degree in forestry from Mississippi State University. He worked for International Paper for 38 years. He worked as a forester in Brandon, Kosciusko, Brookhaven and Canton before retiring at the Mobile, Ala. Mill as manager of logging and fiber supply. He served in the Air Force National Guard in Meridian from 1957 – 1965.

# Support ECCC Through The Warrior Club

First organized in 1989 for the support of athletics, the Warrior Club has raised over $740,000 in cash and in-kind contributions to help keep Warrior and Lady Warrior athletic teams competitive. For calendar year 2007, the Warrior Club raised $188,645.07

Athletic programs at EC have made much progress; however, improvements in facilities and athletic materials and supplies are still needed.

For more information on how you can become a member of the Warrior Club, contact the ECCC Foundation toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 or call 601-635-6327 or email us at sholling@eccc.edu. Your gift to the Warrior Club is tax-deductible when made to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc.





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# *Freeman Promoted to Major General*

ECCC alumnus Bill Freeman of Newton was promoted to the rank of Major General during ceremonies at the Mississippi National Guard headquarters in Jackson. He is shown receiving his pin by his wife, Karen, and Gov. Haley Barbour. Freeman was earlier named Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard, becoming the fourth East Central Community College alumnus to be selected as the state's top military leader. (Photo courtesy of Robbie Robertson/The Newton Record)


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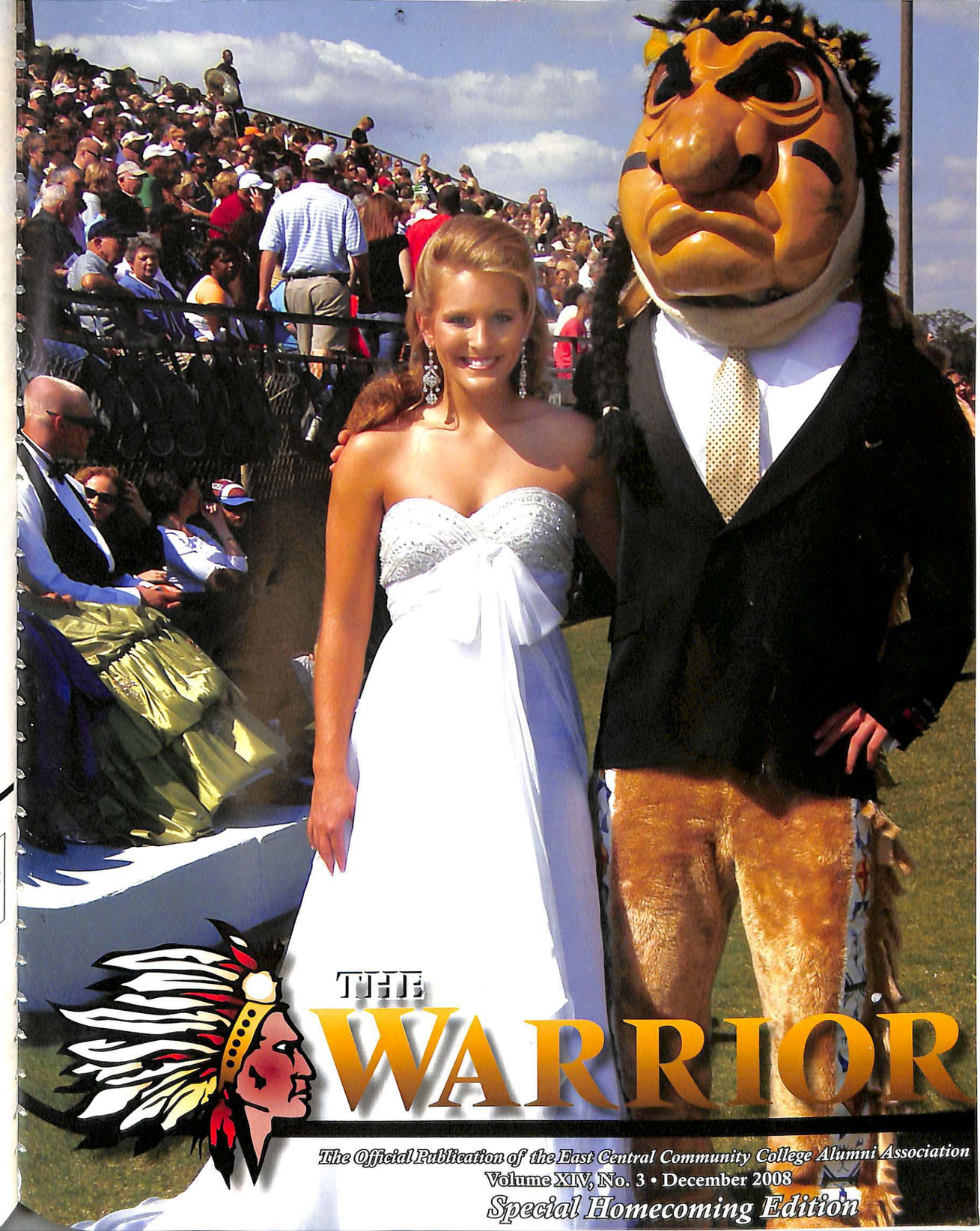

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Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

## *On the Cover*

Emily Thrash of Sebastopol was selected the 2008 Homecoming Queen and is shown with the Warrior mascot (Daniel Cheatham of Neshoba Central) prior to halftime cermonies.

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

The ECCC Foundation invites you to renew your commitment to your community college by contributing to the Investors in Excellence Annual Fund before the end of the year. Gifts to the fund are tax-deductible when made payable to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

With mid-year budget cuts and limited public resources, the Foundation is seeking unrestricted funds to develop the potential of our students, faculty, and staff. Your gift to the Annual Fund will allow the Foundation to support and enhance the college's mission of providing educational opportunities for lifelong learning.

The ECCC Foundation and Alumni Association would like to thank you for your past support of the College. Please know that any and all levels of support are much appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Stacey Hollingsworth
Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations

# *President's Message*

*Dr. Phil A. Sutphin*

The national, state, and local economy continues to be the dominant issue facing East Central Community College. Two phenomena converge to impact the College. First, a downturn in the economy generally means an increase in enrollment and second, a downturn in the economy generally means a decrease in the College's major source of revenue, state funding. We are glad to see the increased enrollment but the increase stretches our available resources.

EC's audited enrollment for FY 2008 exceeded the FY 2007 enrollment by 3.3% which was greater than the system average increase of 2.4%. Therefore, our share of state resources increased. We are currently auditing our fall enrollment to determine our increase for fall FY 2009. Preliminary indications point to a 4.7% increase for the fall semester. Summer 2008, fall 2008, and spring 2009 will be combined to determine annual FY 2009 full time equivalent (FTE) enrollment for funding the FY 2010 budget.

However, if the College is required to cut 2% from the current FY 2009 budget we would loose $193,820 and add to that an additional 4% for FY 2010 and the total reduction in next year's budget would be $581,459. A large portion of that would have to come from personnel which would have a significant impact on our ability to teach students at a time when enrollments are increasing.

Here is the scenario; enrollment increases and the budget decreases, more students and fewer teachers, larger classes and less personal attention. There is only one area of revenue that the College controls – tuition. Our priority is a low tuition to allow our district students the opportunity to obtain additional education and skills training. However, maintaining quality is important to the students in the classroom and the employers who hire our graduates.

To replace the lost revenue, the College would need to increase part-time tuition by $10 per credit hour to a total of $85 per credit hour for part-time students and increase the full-time tuition by $150 per semester to a total of $850 per semester or $1,700 per year. Even with the replaced revenue, certain types of expenses, such as scholarships, would decrease the amount of money available to maintain current levels of funding.

As we strive to make East Central Community College the best institution it can be we need your help. We need your help in spreading the word about the importance of post-secondary education to the economic development of our area. Unlike 50 years ago, 80% of the jobs in the marketplace today require education and training beyond a high school diploma. In addition, we need your help financially as we provide educational opportunities to the citizens of our area. As state funding becomes a smaller portion of our available revenue, increased private giving to EC becomes increasingly important.

Looking to the future, the community and junior colleges of Mississippi have adopted a three-pronged priority program for funding our colleges. First, increase per student funding to a level between K-12 and regional universities. This concept has been adopted as policy by the State Legislature but it has not been funded to the level required to achieve the goal of the policy statement.

Second, provide sufficient state capital bond authorization to maintain and construct facilities adequate to meet the instructional needs of our colleges. This would require bonding authority greater than community and junior colleges have received in the past but the deferred maintenance of our facilities and the increased demand for our services dictates a major building program.

Third, provide funding for a dropout recovery program to address the large number of citizens in the state, 25 and older, who do not have a high school diploma. This program will complement the K-12, "Get on the Bus" campaign to reduce the current dropout rate in the State.

When one looks at the possibilities for the future and the unquestioned need to prepare our students for that future, the priorities of the community and junior colleges in the State become extremely relevant. The challenge that we face is providing educational opportunities during difficult financial times. East Central Community College will continue to provide quality programs to those who enter our doors and with your help we will do it even better.

Thank you for all you do to support the mission and goals of your College.

Phil A. Sutphin, Ed.D.
President

# Alumni Honorees Respond During Luncheon

It was an emotional day for Audrey Clark Hastey and family members as her late husband – Jamie Clark – was posthumously inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame during the annual Alumni Association Awards luncheon held during homecoming activities on Sept. 29.

Audrey, a school teacher in Austin, Texas, was unable to hold back tears as her son, Billy Turner, who joined her at the podium, provided brief remarks in response to the award honoring the former Diamond Warrior head coach, whose 1998 squad captured the program's first state championship.

*Billy Turner and Audrey Clark Hastey*

"In trying to get prepared for this (response), I was trying to think how Jamie would have wanted to speak and accept this award," Turner said. "Everyone who knew Jamie knew he was a very simple and very humble person who would be most appreciative of this award. But instead of bringing attention to himself, he would have thanked all those that were involved in the program...from the players to the parents to everyone with the College....that's how I think he would have responded had he been here to accept the award."

Jamie led the Diamond Warrior program from 1988 through the 2001 campaign, compiling an overall 365-302-1 record. Clark's first ECCC squad went 17-25 and was followed by 11 straight non-losing seasons (the 1991 team finished at 20-20). The most season victories came in 1997, when the Diamond Warriors- led by current major leaguer Marcus Thames of the Detroit Tigers – posted a record 40 wins and finished state runners-up.

***A.J. KILPATRICK***

Former East Central Community College athletic coordinator and head football coach A.J. Kilpatrick, now of Grenada, was also inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Kilpatrick, a 1952 ECCC graduate who led the Warrior program from the fall of 1982 through the spring of 1992, successfully guided community/junior college and high school football teams to an overall 238-138-12 record during his 36-year career as a head coach. His resume includes a state junior college championship and several division titles, conference crowns on the high school level and several bowl victories. He also won championships as a high school basketball and track coach.

His personal honors include his recent induction into the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Football Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Mississippi Association Coaches Hall of Fame in 1986.

"I came to East Central to do one thing, and that was to coach football and win a championship," the Philadelphia native and former football and basketball standout said early in his remarks. "We were somewhat successful here and made the playoffs (in 1987) but lost to Northwest in the first round."

*A.J. Kilpatrick*

"But that's athletics," he continued. "Just like in life – you win some and you lose some. You just try to do your best and that's about it...it's all you can do. We thought the kids here did all they could and played well for us.

"I was not as successful here as I was in some places, which bothered me to some degree because we did not reach the goal we had set. But we did our best, and that's all we can do."

Kilpatrick said he appreciates the committee for selecting him for the Athletic Hall of Fame, and also expressed appreciation to the players he coached and for the opportunity to work at East Central. He was especially appreciative of his family and their support throughout his career.

***MARIJO DENSON***

Marijo Denson of Decatur, expressed appreciation to receiving the Alumna of the Year award in four languages- Choctaw, French, Spanish and concluded in English with "thanks y'all!

Denson serves on the Board of the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority #5 and is Vice President of Commissioners of the Southeastern Regional Conference for Housing and Redevelopment, an organization covering 10 states. In addition, she serves on the legislative and commissioner board of the National Association of Housing in Washington, D.C.

She has spent the majority of her career as a member and officer of the Motion Picture Company with operations in Alabama, Louisiana, Florida and Mississippi. She is a former vice president and general manager of the organization.

During her remarks, Denson also expressed appreciation "to my family, my friends and the very efficient staff here at East Central for making this day very, very special."

*Marijo Denson*

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She also recalled her days as a student at East Central, from where the former May Queen graduated in 1947.

"The trip from Stratton five miles north of here to Decatur was a great beginning to college life...faculty members made learning fun and taught us so many lessons on how to accomplish our goals and move forward," she said.

She also praised East Central for continuing "to make many contributions in the lives of many students" and concluded with, "thanks again, My EC!"

***RICHARD E. 'DICK' MAYO***

Alumnus of the Year Richard E. "Dick" Mayo, also a Decatur resident, said he was honored to receive the recognition and noted that his association with the College began more than a half-century ago.

"My association with East Central began some 60 years ago when my family moved into an apartment at the bottom floor of the original Neshoba County Hall," Mayo stated. "As a young teenager, I mingled with the students and learned to play pinochle over in Scott County Hall....I could even be found roaming the halls of Jackson Hall (women's dorm) – quite legally, I assure you, because I was the campus photographer and that did have privileges!"

*Richard Mayo*

Mayo, a former NASA engineer who helped put man on the moon, continued his remarks by praising his EC instructors.

"I fondly remember faculty members who had a great influence on my life – Arno Vincent (former EC president), who taught me high school algebra, then encouraged me to continue on the college level; L. D. Ferguson, who taught me the wonders of analytical chemistry and calculus; and Frank Cross, with whom I spent many, many hours in the classroom and chemistry lab."

In concluding his remarks, Mayo said: "Certainly I want to acknowledge the positive influence on my life and career of my former classmate and my life partner, my wife Betty. I will end my remarks with a simple and heartfelt 'thank you' for this honor, and may God continue to bless you and this institution."

# Classes of '57-'58-'59 Establish Scholarship

*By Carol Farish Vickers*

Many class reunions consist of a few old friends getting together every decade, visiting for an hour, having dinner, and talking about memories of school days. This is not the case with the East Central classes of 1957, '58, and '59.

About 14 years ago, EC alumna Martha Tullos Hummel, who has since passed away, decided that the friends she had enjoyed at East Central should get together on a regular basis. Martha spearheaded plans for the annual reunions. Since her death, members of these classes have met every year on Friday evening before EC Homecoming and again on Homecoming Day.

During the 2008 Homecoming weekend, more than 50 classmates and friends met at East Central and enjoyed two days of reminiscing about their time at East Central and catching up on news of family and fellow classmates. People from as far away as California, Georgia, Virginia and Florida make the trip back to Decatur for the get together.

At the 2007 Homecoming, the classes of '57, '58, and '59 voted to establish a scholarship in the name of the classes and to set the endowment at $25,000. A committee was established to work on details of the scholarship and to lead the effort in raising money for the endowment. As of this writing (Nov. 2008), a total of $19,499.90 has been raised.

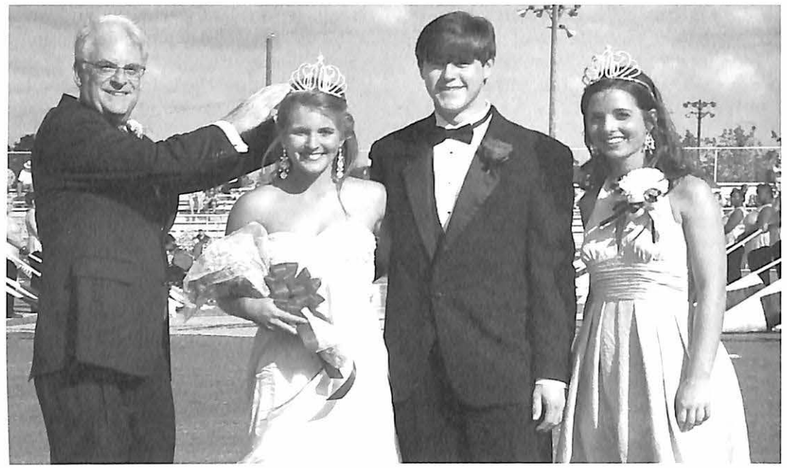
When fully endowed, the scholarship will be awarded each year to a rising sophomore at East Central with a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Preference will be given to students with a direct lineage to a member of the designated classes.

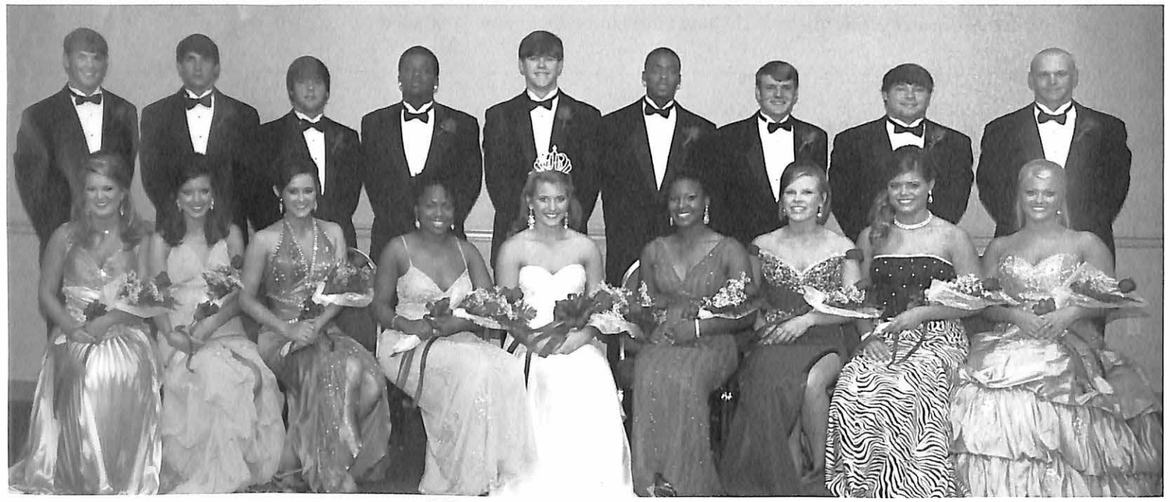
The original goal of the classes was to have the scholarship endowed before the end of the 2008 calendar year, and with the help of those who read this article, this goal can be a accomplished.

For additional information, please contact Stacy Hollingsworth, Director of Alumni Affairs at East Central (601-635-2121). All donations, however large or small, are welcomed. Donations may also be made in honor or memory of a former teacher at East Central, a former classmate, or another individual. All donations will be acknowledged both by letter and in the WARRIOR MAGAZINE. Donations are tax deductible.

## *Homecoming Queen*

Emily Thrash of Sebastopol (second from left) was crowned 2008 Homecoming Queen at East Central Community College by College president Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left). Serving as the queen's escort was Daniel Byram (third from left) of Sebastopol. Presenting flowers was 2007 Homecoming Queen Dru Anderson of Decatur. The queen and her court were presented Saturday, September 27, 2008 during halftime of the ECCC vs. Southwest Mississippi Community College football game.





## *Homecoming Court*

Members of the 2008 Homecoming Court at East Central Community College included (front row, from left) sophomore maids Joy Hayes and Candi Vance, both of Decatur; and Becky Culpepper of Forest; maid-of-honor Briana Edison of Collins; queen Emily Thrash of Sebastopol; and freshman maids Kayla Hampton of Louisville, Hannah Watkins of Sebastopol, Bailey Brown of Morton and Savanna Smith of Ocean Springs; and (back row, from left) escorts Sam Lewis and Zach Pillsbury, both of Decatur; Patrick Patterson of Philadelphia, David Bender of Heidelberg, Daniel Byram of Sebastopol, Victor Taylor of Macon, Josh Dickerson of Union, Zach Boswell of Louisville and Drew Wilson of Little Rock.

## *Observe Golden Anniversary*

Reunited for their 50th class reunion are the above East Central Community College alumni who received special recognition during the 2008 Homecoming celebration. Class members received "Golden Anniversary" diplomas from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin during a ceremony in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. First row, from left, are Jackie White Harmon, Northport, Ala.; Emily Shields Beaver, Falls Church, Va.; Ann Snuggs Jennings, Germantown, Tenn.; Nancy Peterson Haggard, Clinton; Carol Farrish Vickers and Glenda Hollingsworth Davis, both of Decatur; Hallie Jean Frazier Blalock, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Margaret Evans Wilkerson, Madison; Carolyn Marshall McCraney, Chatsworth, Ga.; and Elsie Johnson Hollingsworth, Commerce, Ga. Second row, from left, are Jeanette Beevers Thrash, Decatur; Jimmy Rea, Brandon; Kenneth Dunagin, Decatur; Larry Adcock, Lanett, Ala.; Dr. Milton Matthews, Pearl; and Burnard McCraney, Chatsworth, Ga. Back row, from left, are James McKay, Louisville; Joe Vowell, McCool; John Hollingsworth, Commerce, Ga.; Bob Massey, Savannah, Ga.; Clyde Millis, Panama City, Fla.; and Jim Kelly, Metairie, La.

## *Attend 60th Class Reunion*

These 1948 class members at East Central Community College attended reunion activities held during Homecoming. Seated from left are Ollie Fay Wood Flint of Philadelphia, Doris Henley Murphy of Clinton and June Hollingsworth Tobelman of Decatur. Standing from left are Carl Fulton of Lena, Dr. Brad Tucker of Decatur and Paul Simmons of Louisville.

## *Attend Class of '68 Reunion*

These 1968 class members at East Central Community College attended their 40th class reunion held during homecoming activities. Seated from left are Cornelia Wright Grimes of Carthage, Burnette Wolf Hamil of Sebastopol, Claudette Wolf Tucker of Morton, Sandy Puckett Keenan of Rose Hill and Sandra Dickerson Amis of Conehatta. Standing from left are Billy Ganann of Collinsville, Grady Jackson of Sturgis, James Cockerham and Ed Dickerson, both of Union; Fred Hollingsworth of Kenner, La., Bill Faulkner of Morton and Dr. John Gipson of Newton.

## *Represents Class of '78*

Dianne Andersen of Decatur was the lone representative of the East Central Community College Class of 1978, which observed its 30th reunion during homecoming activities.

## *Attend Class of 1988 Reunion*

Representing East Central Community College's Class of 1988 during reunion activities were (from left) Amy Pouncey Lewis of Wesson, Thurman Harrell of Lake, Vivian Taylor of Newton and Susan Fox-Smith of Decatur.

## *'98 State Champion Diamond Warriors Honored*

The 1998 State Champion Diamond Warriors were among special groups honored during East Central Community College's homecoming activities held Sept. 27 on the Decatur campus. Team members include (first row, from left) Neal Holliman, assistant coach; Ron Perkins, Louisville; Chris Tullos, Union; Brodie Meadows, Livingston, Ala.; and Clark Tyson, Jonesboro, Ark; (second row, from left) Brian Hardy, Madison; Chad Champion, Cottondale, Ala.; Paul Clearman, Brandon; and Jay McLendon, Louisville; and (back row, from left) Eric Weaver, Newton; Rusty Cumberland, Philadelphia; Scotty Stephens, Meridian; and Dan Gressett, Ruston, La. The 1998 Diamond Warriors captured the program's first state title and were recognized at the annual Alumni Association Awards Luncheon held in Mabry Cafeteria. The late Jamie Clark served as head coach and was posthumously inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame at the same ceremony. Dr. Lee Eady of Forest was an assistant coach on the championship squad along with Holliman. Holliman is in his third year as Diamond Warrior head coach and led the team to the 2007 state championship.

## *Former Tennis Players Honored*

Former East Central Community College tennis coaches and players were among special groups honored during homecoming activities held Sept. 27 on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are Julie Latham, Lena; Wanda McPhail, Collinsville; Brenda Whatley Kirby, Forest; Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur; former coach and player Lucille Wood, Decatur/Louisville; and Sandy Puckett Keenan, Rose Hill. Standing from left are Charles McAdory, Pontotoc; Speedy Calvert, Louisville; Chris Clark, Decatur; Paul Chamblee, Carthage; Mark Henderson, Forest; Clyde Mills, Panama City, Fla.; former coach Joe Clark, Decatur; and Jim Wilkerson, Madison.

## '57-'58-'59 Classes Meet

These members of East Central Community College's 1957, 1958 and 1959 classes held their 11th annual reunion during homecoming activities. First row, from left, are Bubba Hudspeth, Louisville; Carol Pace Henry, Madison; Keith Hudson and Linda Hudson, Louisville; Corinne Cross Neal, Huntington Beach, Calif.; Lois Blount Cooper, Decatur; Patsy Mowdy Vance, Meridian; Nan Barrier Stamper, Philadelphia; and Barbara Pilgrim Massey, Lucedale. Second row, from left, are Jackie White Harmon, Northport, Ala.; Emily Shields Beaver, Falls Church, Va.; Ann Snuggs Jennings, Germantown, Tenn.; Nancy Peterson Haggard, Clinton; Carol Farrish Vickers and Glenda Hollingsworth Davis, both of Decatur; Hallie Jean Frazier Blalock, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Margaret Evans Wilkerson, Madison; Carolyn Marshall McCraney, Chatsworth, Ga.; Elsie Johnson Hollingsworth, Commerce, Ga.; Eugenia Carlton Baucum, Wiggins; and Keith Blalock, Northport, Ala. Third row, from left, are Jeanette Beevers Thrash, Decatur; Jimmy Rea, Madison; Kenneth Dunagin, Decatur; Dr. Milton Matthews, Pearl; Burnard McCraney, Chatsworth, Ga.; Jimmy Kelly, Metairie, La.; Harvey Trapp, Newton; Fred Allgood, Conehatta; Lester Baucum, Wiggins; and Hank Moreau, Decatur. Fourth row, from left, are Jim McKay, Louisville; Joe Vowell, McCool; Larry Adcock, Lanett, Ala.; John Hollingsworth, Commerce, Ga.; Bob Massey, Savannah, Ga.; Clyde Mills, Panama City, Fla.; Mickey Burdette, Lanett, Ala.; James Vance, Meridian; Jim Wilkerson, Madison; and Wilmer James, Brandon.

## Class of 1998 Reunion Participants

Representing the Class of 1998 during the homecoming reunion were (from left) Krisan Risher Williams of Sebastopol, and Justin Miles and Adria Stamper Miles of Geismar, La.

## ECCC Gospel Choir Holds Reunion Concert

Former members of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir performed a reunion concert Oct. 5, 2008, in recognition of sponsor Brenda K. Johnson's 20th anniversary in leading the group. The Gospel Choir alumni are shown prior to their performance in Huff Auditorium on ECCC's Decatur campus. Also participating in the special program were the Revs. Timothy Croft and Marcus Mann, invocation; Delane Hudson, welcome; Elder James Young, master of ceremony; Kathy D. Sanders, occasion and gospel choir history; current gospel choir members; Children of Christ, Morton; Newton High School Gospel Choir; Terance Anderson and former gospel choir members, presentation of gifts; Mrs. Johnson, acknowledgement; and Rev. Mann, closing prayer. The Gospel Choir began in 1985 by the late Mrs. Lawrence Tingle and Ms. Sharron-Goodman Hill. Mrs. Johnson began serving as choir sponsor in 1988.

## Top Homecoming Display

This display sponsored by the Student Body Association and Warrior Corps took top honors and the $150 grand prize in the annual competition held during homecoming activities Sept. 27. Surgical Technology Students Association placed second and received $120; Student Publications, third, $100; and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, fourth, $75. The theme for this year's homecoming was "Eighty Years of Memories."

## Gospel Choir Musicians Reunite

Former East Central Community College Gospel Choir members who served as musicians for the recently held reunion concert are shown with longtime sponsor Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson (fourth from left) prior to their performance in Huff Auditorium. From left are Rashan Jackson of Newton, Carolyn Goodman and Eric Goodman, both of Decatur; Mrs. Johnson, of Lawrence; Alex Gill of Walnut Grove, Jonathan Griffin of Philadelphia, Patrick Gaddis of Carthage and Ellis Harrison of Meridian.

# Plans Underway to Renovate Old Gym

*By Ovid Vickers*

The original gymnasium on the East Central campus was constructed in 1930 and is now known as Founders Gym. The building has sat unused for a number of years, and age and deterioration have taken their toll on this campus landmark. However, there was a time when this athletic facility witnessed local, regional and state championship basketball games, both high school and college level.

Plans are currently underway to completely renovate the "old gym" and restore it to a viable, useful building. An architectural firm has submitted plans for renovation, and a campaign will begin soon to secure the funds necessary to restore the building so that the historic structure will once again serve a useful purpose.

The building, one of the first brick gymnasiums built in east central Mississippi, has served the college and community in many ways. Originally the gym contained a stage, and portable seating was used when the building was used as an auditorium rather than a gym. At one time, two years of physical education was required of all students at East Central, and those classes were taught in the old gym.

In 1936, Newton County celebrated the centennial of the county's founding. The ceremonies and festivities to mark the occasion were held in the East Central gym. Dr. L. O. Todd spoke, and Mrs. Nellie Neill Cross sang "America the Beautiful." The program was directed by Mrs. Stella Newsome, and various communities in the county were responsible for presenting skits depicting outstanding events in the county's history.

Until 1953, when Huff Auditorium was built, all graduations for East Central Junior College and the old Newton County Agricultural High School were held in the gymnasium. May Day was celebrated on the afternoon of graduation day; and if rain clouds threatened the festivities, the May Queen and her court, the May pole and the program were moved into the gym.

For many years in springtime, students transformed the old gym into a dream world. Paper moons and silver stars glittered overhead while festooned gazebos and crepe paper flower gardens surrounded the dance floor. For one magic night each year, students danced in formal attire surrounded by music and soft lights, believing at least for a few magic hours that they would be forever young.

*Founders' Gym during a graduation ceremony many years ago.*

The first musical presented at East Central was "The Bell of Barcelona" which was performed on the stage of the old gym. Three of the leading characters were Marion Graham Thornton, Fred Ray Blocker, and Edna Ruth Prince Pascal.

*Today, Founders' Gym is used as an indoor practice facility for baseball and softball programs and also houses the Campus Security offices.*

The gymnasium has not always been a place for merry-making and spirited basketball games. In the past, a double funeral was conducted in the building for two people who were killed in an automobile accident. Another tragedy occurred one night in the 1940s when a man became so excited at a basketball game that he died of a heart attack under the south goal as he was walking out of the gym.

Three things occurred that night in rapid succession. A water main broke on the campus; the man died in the gymnasium; and all the lights on the campus went out. In order to provide light when the ambulance arrived, people parked their cars so the headlamps would shine through the open doors of the gymnasium.

Additional seating for approximately 500 people was added to the south end of the gymnasium in 1951. This addition was needed to accommodate the fans who came to see the brilliant playing exhibited by teams that were coached by Arno Vincent and Clayton Blount. These two coaches took teams all the way from East Central to the National Junior College Basketball Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

For about twenty years, the State "Double B " Basketball Tournament was held at East Central. For a week in February, people from as far north

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# ECCC Homecoming 5K Run Winners

East Central Community College in Decatur hosted a 5K Run/Walk as part of its homecoming festivities Saturday, Sept. 27. The race boasted 71 participants. The overall female winner was Kim Crenshaw of Meridian with a time of 25:23 minutes. Mike Thrailkill of Hickory was the overall male winner with a time of 18:33 minutes. First-place division winners in their respective age groups are, front row from left, Dixie Rivers of Oxford, Ala., Jeff Grimshel of Vicksburg, Huel Sills of Vicksburg, Emily Baysinger of Philadelphia, Crenshaw and Roxanna McCarty of Philadelphia; back row from left, Lee Wilson of Meridian, Thrailkill, Buddy Pierce of Meridian, James Shaidnagle of Newton, Andrew Hanna of Union, Janice Crawford Collins of Meridian and Shannon McMullan of Decatur. First place division winners not pictured are Emily Franklin of Union, Lori McMullan of Decatur, Judy Crowson of Meridian, Neal Holliman and Joe Killens, both of Decatur.

## FOUNDERS' GYM

as Iuka and as far south as Hancock County converged on Decatur to cheer for their high school teams.

At one of these games, while a player was preparing to shoot a free shot, a supporter for the opposing team threw a live opossum into the center of the court. The referee blew his whistle, put his foot on the opossum's head, caught the animal behind the neck and threw it out the door. The player made the basket.

Two coaches who coached in the Southeastern Conference played in this gym. Sue Gunter (now deceased) coached at Louisiana State University, and Van Chancellor, who coached at the University of Mississippi and is now head women's basketball coach at LSU, both played basketball at East Central. Sam Rutigliano, who played both basketball and football while a student at East Central, is a former head coach of the Cleveland Browns.

The glory days of the old gymnasium were surely those in the 1950s when crowds packed the building to watch players like Denver Brackeen and Howard Sessums exhibit their abilities as outstanding basketball players. Many men and women who played in the old gym were recruited by senior colleges and distinguished themselves as players in their school's conference and in the NCAA.

When the new gymnasium, which is named for two East Central players and coaches, Denver Brackeen and Lucille Wood, was constructed in 1970, the old gymnasium was used for intramural games and weight training. In truth, the building has been neglected for the past 38 years.

The rules of the game have changed. Men and women who wore the black and gold warm-ups with an Indian head on the back now have gray hair and grandchildren. But they remember the gym, the games, the fans, and the cheers. Others remember participating in plays, dances, May Days, and the many other events which took place in the gym.

Certainly this building which was a major sports facility in east Mississippi for so many years deserves to be renovated and to stand as a lasting tribute to all those teams from 1930 to 1970 who exhibited the talent and sportsmanship which has been for so long a major part of athletics at East Central Community College.

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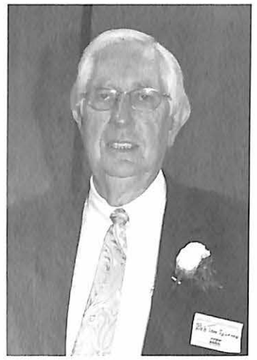
# What Is The Best Thing About ECCC?

*Dr. Frank Bowen*
**Class of '41**
**Sturgis**

"I met my wife here in September of 1939. She was Bobbie McPhail from Carthage. We had our first date at the International Relations Club meeting. We dated during the time we were here at EC. We would always go to ball games together as a couple. East Central was a good school back then and is an excellent school now."



*Dr. Bob Tom Johnson*
**EC Class of '63**
**Forest**

"At East Central I made some lasting friendships. It is always a great tie-in to say 'Did you go to East Central' and have that in common. The only regret I have about EC is that it wasn't a four-year school, because I would really have liked to have gone to school here for a few more years. EC is a place I will always hold dear to my heart."

*Speedy Calvert*
**Class of '76**
**Louisville**

"ECCC is the best home away from home for myself and my children."

*Scotty Stevenson*
**Class of '98**
**Meridian**

"East Central has a hometown atmosphere. The camrodery of the (baseball) team also made a difference. We hung out together and we came together as a ball team...winning the first state championship was hard fought...it was a war, a battle. We really came together and grew as a team and played together as a family. Those guys are like brothers to me."

*Mark Henderson*
**Class of '82**
**Forest**

"East Central has a family-like atmosphere. When I was here, it was a lot smaller student-wise. I really enjoyed it being close enough to home to drive. Even though I didn't live on campus, I hung around most all day and had lots of friends that lived on campus."

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## *Discuss Plans for Davis Science Building*

College President Dr. Phil Sutphin talks with Leake County alumni Dr. Frank Bowen and David Howell, both of Carthage, about plans for the new Davis Science Building to be built adjacent to Cross Hall and next door to Founders' Gymnasium. Construction is slated to begin in July 2009.


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Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

## On the Cover

Shown is an artist rendering of the Aaron R. Davis Science Building soon to be constructed on the ECCC Campus. A groundbreaking ceremony for the $4.1 million facility was held Sept. 8, 2009 and construction soon followed. The much-anticipated addition to the Decatur campus is named in memory of Ron Davis, longtime biology instructor and division chairman, who lost his battle with cancer in April 2006. The two-story structure will include state-of-the-art lab facilities. State bond funds accumulated in recent years will provide the financial resources to complete the project, located next to Cross Hall, where science classes will continue to be held.

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# President's Message

Dr. Phil Sutphin

Academic year 2009/2010 is off to a great start. The College is experiencing record enrollment and several new construction projects are underway.

We also anticipate a great Homecoming that is up to the usual high standards set by East Central Community College.

We continue to benefit from increasing participation in all of the College's programs. Our credit enrollment for the fall semester is at an all-time high of 2,841 students. All of our classes are full and all of our classrooms are in use.

As you might expect, it is difficult to find a parking space close to the place you want to go. Continued growth presents many challenging opportunities for the College and we eagerly work to address the issues that are vital to the mission of East Central.

Even during this time of economic hardships the College continues to find resources to initiate projects to meet the needs of our students. One such project that will enhance teaching and learning in the sciences is the construction of the Davis Science Building. State bond funds accumulated over several years will provide the resources to make the project a reality. The contractor is McMillan-Pitts Construction Co. and the contract specifies completion in 480 days from the date the contract is signed. Total costs for this project is $4,100,000.

Our parking lot projects are needed to provide the additional spaces required by increased commuter traffic to the College and to replace the current parking lot, on which the new science building will be built. An additional lot will add spaces near the Healthcare Education building where the maintenance facility once stood. We are working with the Newton County Board of Supervisors and the Mississippi Department of Transportation to create and overlay the two new lots. These projects will be funded with enlargement and improvement funds provided by the College's five supporting counties.

Two other projects will upgrade the roofs and HVAC systems of three of our campus facilities, i.e., Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, Newton Hall, and Vincent Administration Building. State bond money will repair the roofs and the HVAC system in Vincent while State Department of Health funds will provide air conditioning and generators for Brackeen-Wood and the AD Nursing/Childcare Building.

The health department funds are providing the upgrades to bring the facilities up to standards required for the buildings to be used as special needs shelters during declared emergency evacuations.

Another project will repair and improve the dam on the north end and part of the west side of the College's pond. Funds for this needed improvement are coming from the Mississippi Department of Soil and Water Conservation. The pond is a focal point for our north campus and serves as a walking trail, fitness trail, picnic area, arboretum, and outdoor classroom. Students and local citizens use this facility on a regular basis and the improvements will make the area even more pleasant for wellness programs.

Therefore, as we plan for Homecoming we are including these campus improvements in our planning. As you return to campus during this time of the year you will see these improvements coming to fruition. We invite you back to campus at any time but especially at Homecoming so that we can show you the progress that is being made to your community college.

# *"Pride in the Past, Faith in the Future"*

# Saturday, October 3

**2009 Alumni Association Honorees**

***Alumna of the Year***
Mary Rosalyn Rogers Folks '64

***Alumnus of the Year***
Jack Winstead '56

***Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees***
Donald Acton '53
Wanda Blackwell McPhail '71

***Schedule of Events***

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| 7 a.m. | **Homecoming 5K Run/Walk**-North Campus |
| 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. | **Bookstore Open**-Eddie M. Smith Student Union |
| 9 a.m. | **Homecoming Registration Begins**-East Mall Patio near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria |
| | **Refreshments Available on the East Mall** |
| 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. | **Memorabilia Room Open**-Burton Library |
| | **Founders' Gym Open** |
| 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. | **Tailgating, Music & Other Activities**-Band Practice Field |
| 10 a.m. | **Reunion Groups Meet** |
| | *Class of 1949-Newton Hall, Room 60* |
| | *Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959, Vickers Fine Arts Center, Auditorium* |
| | *Basketball Teams Coached by Joe Clark (1964-1976)-Newton Hall, Room 92* |
| | *Basketball Teams Coached by Marty Cooper (1991-1998)-Newton Hall, Room 90* |
| | *Musicals Directed by Bruce Peterson-Vickers Fine Arts Center, Room 506* |
| | *1974 Camelot • 1979 Mame • 1982 Carousel • 1985 Oklahoma* |
| 10:30 a.m. | **Awarding of 50th Anniversary Diplomas to Class of 1959** Vickers Fine Arts Center, Auditorium |
| 11 a.m. | **Warrior Club Annual Meeting**-Vincent Administration Building, Board Room *(All former athletes and current supporters of athletics at East Central)* |
| Noon | **Alumni Luncheon**-Mabry Memorial Cafeteria |
| 2 p.m. | **Recognition of Homecoming Honorees**-Bailey Stadium |
| 2:30 p.m. | **Football Game**-ECCC vs. Northeast |
| | **Halftime Presentation of the Queen and Court** |
| | **Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band** |

# HOMECOMING 2009



# *Folks Named Alumna of the Year*

When notified of her selection as "Alumna of the Year" at East Central Community College, Mary Rosalyn Rogers Folks, Class of 1964, said she was "indeed thrilled to be so honored."

"I cannot imagine what I have done to deserve this recognition," she said. "Past recipients of this award form a very distinguished group; so, just to be in that number is very humbling."

A native of Forest, Folks spent 36 years in the field of education, all with the Picayune Public Schools. She has been a second grade teacher, served as reading specialist for the junior high school and worked with special services for the handicapped and disadvantaged at Picayune High School.

In addition, she has served on the Picayune Education Association in many capacities, including president, and is a former president of the State Department's Board of Special Populations.

**Mary Rosalyn Rogers Folks**
**Class of 1964**

Regarding her career, Folks said, "I feel so blessed to have been a part of students' lives for 36 years. Every day that I taught provided a highlight because every day was a new adventure. I had the opportunity to provide students with skills that I hope made them life-long learners."

She said she had been blessed with remarkable people in her life who have influenced her life and career.

"Outside of my family, who are always there to support me, my teachers were most influential in my life. They taught me to dream, to work hard, to persevere and most importantly to trust God for daily guidance. These lessons have served me well in teaching and in life."

Her professional honors include receiving the Morris Murray Distinguished Service Award for work with handicapped and disadvantaged students, being selected to the first Governor's Conference on Education, being nominated for the Young Career Woman of Mississippi, and being named an Outstanding Leader in Elementary and Secondary Education.

She was inducted into the University of Southern Mississippi Hall of Fame in 1997. Folks is a former member of the USM Advisory Council and the International Board of Directors. She received the Outstanding Service Award in 1994 and was honored with the Scott Caldwell Continuous Service Award in 1996.

She was selected for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma International, an honorary fraternity for women educators, where she has served as local president and state committee member. She was also recognized as a Woman of Distinction and received the Red Rose Award.

A former member of the Board of Directors for Mississippi Educational Television, she has also served on the State Resolutions and Credentials Committee for the Mississippi Association of Educators and worked on the Tech Prep Initiative.

Since her retirement from public education, Folks spends much of her time in volunteer services and has been active in civic, professional and religious organizations.

She has been active as a member of the Pearl River County Retired Teachers Association, where she currently serves as president and has represented the group at Legislative Day. She has also worked with the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) to collect data for the Nation's Report Card.

In addition, she serves as a volunteer leader of the Senior Water Exercise Class, is a volunteer carrier for Meals on Wheels, a charter member of Crosby Arboretum and served on the Friends of the Library Board.

Folks has been an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Picayune for many years. She most recently served as a lay member to the Mississippi Annual Conference and is a teacher for the JOY Sunday school class. She is a member of the Staff-Parish, Finance and Lay Leadership committees and is an administrative board member.

Writing in support of her nomination, her pastor, the Rev. David Lowery, said, "Rosalyn is a very giving and selfless person willing to step up and volunteer when the need arises. She is a dedicated person who works tirelessly in all her endeavors. I think Rosalyn shows tremendous courage and represents all she does with integrity and equity for all involved."

Reminiscing of her time on the East Central campus, Folks said, "Regardless of what was happening in the state or world, most of us were away from home for the first time and campus was still an atmosphere where you were protected, encouraged and nurtured."

An ECJC President's List scholar, Folks was selected a student delegate to the Mississippi Student Education Association, was selected for the Freshmen Women's Council and was a member of Sigma Tau Sigma honorary history fraternity. She was also a member of the Annual Staff, ECJC Players and Wesley Foundation.

When speaking of past instructors, Folks said, "Mrs. (Una) Harris taught me to strive for excellence; Mr. (Ovid) Vickers made it possible to stand before a group to give presentations; and my dorm mother, Ms. (Erma) Barber, taught me confidence and helped me overcome my shyness."

She also recalled fearing Mrs. Harris' English class.

"I came to ECJC fearing Mrs. Harris' English class for we knew you had to have three perfect essays to pass her class. I soon discovered I was more afraid of P.E. for I was never athletic and didn't think I would ever master push-ups, also a requirement to pass!"

Folks said East Central was the place that "helped lay the foundation for her career and taught her personal skills to face

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# Winstead Selected Alumnus of the Year

Jack Winstead of Lawrence, a member of the class of 1956, was recently named Alumnus of the Year at East Central Community College in Decatur. When notified of his selection, Winstead said he was "truly honored."

"I am especially thankful to my dear friend, the late Clinton Russell, who nominated me for this honor and to the committee that made the selection. When I think of the hundreds of people who could have been selected, I am even more honored. I must admit that this puts me in a very special group when I look over the list of past recipients."

JACK WINSTEAD
CLASS OF 1956

In nominating Winstead for the award, Russell wrote, "Although charged with statewide responsibilities, Jack Winstead always maintained a special interest in helping the people of east central Mississippi.

"Projects in this area in which he is very proud to have played a vital role include the development, funding and construction of floodwater retarding structures in the Chunky River Water Management District; the Turkey Creek recreation area; stream channel stabilization projects in the towns of Union and Newton; the construction of Bonita Lakes in Meridian; and the stream channel stabilization project on Sowashee Creek."

Winstead and his wife, the former Jeanette Cain of Sallis, currently operate a timber and cattle farm in Newton and Neshoba counties. He retired from the Natural Resource Conservation Service as deputy state conservationist after 35 years with the department. Jeanette is retired from the United States Courts as administrative assistant to Chief Judge Charles Clark, U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit.

"I have continued my conservation activities since retirement," Winstead said, "by volunteering as a support person and by practicing conservation on my own farm."

Winstead was rewarded for his conservation efforts by being named to the Conservation Hall of Fame for the Southeastern United States.

He has also been honored as the outstanding conservationist for the state of Mississippi, was twice selected to receive the Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts President's Distinguished Service Award and was selected as the outstanding conservation educator in Mississippi by the Mississippi Wildlife Federation.

In addition to farming, Winstead serves on several boards and commissions including the ECCC Board of Trustees, where he serves as vice chairman. He is also chairman of the board of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, president of the board of the Pearl River Water Supply District (Barnett Reservoir), vice chairman of the board of Southern AgCredit (formerly Federal Land Bank) and member of the board of the Newton County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Winstead said it has been an honor to serve on the ECCC Board of Trustees.

"East Central is a wonderful institution. It has enabled thousands of young people to prepare for their futures. I have been honored to serve on its board of trustees for the past 12 years. We have a great staff and I have served under two outstanding presidents, Dr. Eddie Smith and Dr. Phil Sutphin."

His most recent volunteer efforts have been in helping locate and secure a site for Mississippi's first state veterans cemetery, a proposed $7 million project, slated to begin construction this year.

"This has probably been the highlight of my volunteer services," Winstead said. "For this effort, I was selected as Newton County's "Man of the Year" by the Newton Record in 2007. I now serve as president of the nine-member state board known as 'Friends of Mississippi Veterans.'"

Melvin Tingle of Decatur, in a letter supporting Winstead's nomination, wrote, "Serving his country and being a veteran himself, Jack was very interested in securing this cemetery, called the 'Arlington of the South,' for the east central area. This will be such an asset to the state and county while providing a beautiful resting place for those, and their spouses, that have served our country."

Winstead's association with East Central Community College began during his days as a student in the 1950s.

"I guess my greatest apprehension as a student was Mr. Cross' chemistry class," said Winstead. "Here was I, an agriculture student, competing with future doctors, scientists and the like, but somehow I managed to survive."

He also worked part-time on the college farm.

Dr. Brad Tucker, a former instructor and Dean of Instruction at the College, wrote, "I had the pleasure of teaching Jack several courses, serving as his academic advisor and observing his part-time work on the college farm. He always worked after school and during the summers to help pay for college expenses. Along with several of his classmates, he secured summer employment with the Soil Conservation Service. Not only did this help pay his college expenses, it secured for him some critical seniority, which allowed him to begin work after graduation at a higher pay grade with a permanent rating."

Dr. Tucker, along with Frank Rives, was one of Winstead's favorite instructors.

Winstead said, "Two professors that stand out as my all-time favorites and who greatly encouraged me were Mr. Frank Rives and Dr. Brad Tucker. By the way, these two gentlemen remain very special to me, as I now attend church with them each week after being away for 50 years. I never had a class under Ovid Vickers, but I always admired him and appreciated his loyalty to ECCC."

Winstead said there have been many people along the way who have had a great influence on his life and career.

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# McPhail Tapped for Athletic Hall of Fame

She first held a tennis racket when she was "recruited" to play the sport at East Central Community College in Decatur. Her career in coaching was also not planned but something she was more-or-less forced to do.

But the sport has become a perfect "match" for Wanda Blackwell McPhail, whose success as Meridian Community College's tennis coach has landed the Collinsville resident in the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

WANDA BLACKWELL MCPHAIL
CLASS OF 1971

McPhail referred to her upcoming induction as "one of the greatest honors I have received in my life."

"To receive an award like this is just icing on the cake," said McPhail, whose list of honors include her selection as NJCAA Region XXIII Tennis Coach of the Year for 2008-09 after leading her MCC women and men's teams to Region 23 titles and berths in the national tournament. "I was so pleased when as a student I was named to the ECJC Hall of Fame, and I am again so pleased to be honored by my alma mater."

Longtime ECCC faculty member Lucille Wood nominated her former player for the honor.

"Wanda has played a major role in promoting tennis in high schools, community and junior colleges in Mississippi, Region 23 and throughout the nation," said Miss Wood. "She has received several "Coach of the Year" honors and numerous national awards. Wanda demonstrated her excellence in coaching by taking more teams to national tournaments and receiving more national rankings than any other coach among her colleagues."

In addition to McPhail's 2008 tennis squads earning regional titles, the men's team was also recognized as the sports' NJCAA Academic Team of the Year for achieving a 3.69 grade point average. In 2009, two players – one from each team – were chosen to receive the Arthur Ashe National Sportsmanship Award and will attend the US Open Tennis Tournament in New York City, all expenses paid. The two athletes will also be guests of New York City and will be greeted by Mayor Mike Bloomberg.

But success is nothing new for Coach McPhail, who took over the MCC tennis program in 2000 and also serves as an English instructor.

Her women's team record is 140-41. In addition to winning the 2009 Region 23 title, her squads posted regional and MACJC (Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges) State championships from 2003-2006 and were regional and state runners-ups in 2004 and 2005. Her Lady Eagles advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament during the 2002 to 2009 campaigns and were nationally ranked each season. Three of her players were named Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Americans and eight were selected NJCAA Academic All-Americans.

The men's record is even more impressive at 145-33. In addition to winning the Region 23 title in 2009, the Eagles captured region championships in 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008, and were MACJC State Champions in 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008. The MCC men were region and state runners-up in 2003 and 2006, and advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament from 2002 to 2008. They were also nationally ranked during that time period. In addition, six Eagles were chosen ITA Academic All-Americans.

Coach McPhail's honors are also impressive. In addition to her 2008-09 national accolades, she has been chosen Region 23 Women's Coach of the Year on six occasions; Mississippi Association of Coaches (MAC) Men's and Women's Tennis Coach of the Year (four times); MACJC Women's Coach of the Year (five times); MACJC Men's Coach of the Year (five times); and received the Hershel Stephen's Coaching Award in 2007, an honor voted on by men coaches recognizing outstanding service and dedication to men's tennis on the national level.

In addition, she is presently the president and formerly vice president and secretary of the NJCAA Tennis Coaches' Association and served several terms as secretary of the MACJC Coaches' Association. She is now serving a term on the ITA Board of Directors. She also served on several tennis-related committees on the state and national levels.

The fact that McPhail has experienced a successful career as tennis coach has really been somewhat of a surprise to the Union native, especially since she knew little about the sport until arriving as a student-athlete at ECCC following a successful basketball and track career at Union High School.

McPhail, who entered East Central in the fall of 1969 to play basketball for Lucille Wood's Warriorettes, recalled the first day she was "introduced" to tennis.

"As an athlete, my time at East Central was special," she said. "I had never played tennis in my life and can't recall if I had every really seen a tennis racket! But Coach Wood told me that I was going to play tennis, so I did. I became so passionate about tennis that I would sometimes practice from noon to 'dark thirty' during the spring semester. I never dreamed that tennis would turn out to be so important in my life or bring so much success."

McPhail said the "highlight" of her tennis experience at EC came during her sophomore year when she and doubles partner Lucy Young (also an ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame member) were runners-up in the state tournament. Young's first experience at tennis was also when Coach Wood "recruited" her for the squad!

She also recalled a few other "highlights" related to the sport:

"Our manager, Susan Shoemaker, was playing (tennis) one day and decided to jump the net," McPhail said. "But to our horror, her foot got hung in the net, and she fell and hurt her head. We were all scared to death that she had really hurt herself. She had a 'bump' for quite a while, which served as a reminder to all us not to try that trick!"

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# *Acton Joins Athletic Hall of Fame*

He found success as a student-athlete and later as a coach. He continued his love of sports by participating in various league competitions for 62 years and has won several gold medals in the Senior Olympics.

In recognition of his lifelong and distinguished career in sports, Don Acton of Knoxville, Tenn., is joining the list of other standouts in the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame.

"There is not a person in the entire world, more happy and excited over this honor bestowed upon me by the ECCC Alumni Association," said Acton. "ECCC has been a firm foundation for so much in my life. Being elected into the Athletic Hall of Fame is a humbling and gratifying experience. I will be forever grateful for the honor."

**Donald Acton**
**Class of 1953**

Acton, a Vincent, Ala. native and 1953 ECCC graduate, said his love of sports enabled him to attend the College.

"I love sports....and my participation in football, baseball and basketball was truly a mountain-top experience," he said. "Every day of my life, I am aware of how blessed I am to have spent two wonderful years at ECCC!"

Acton arrived at then ECJC in the fall of 1951 following a stellar career at Vincent (Ala.) High School, where he was a four-year letterman in football, baseball and basketball and served as team captain for football and baseball.

At East Central, Acton was a two-year starter in football and baseball and served as co-captain and captain of the two sports, respectively. He also served as manager of the 1953 championship Warrior basketball team.

Acton, an offensive lineman (long snapper) and kicker who had the nickname "Trouble," according to the College yearbook, still remembers his first football game as a Warrior.

"My first game at East Central was exciting and a dream come true," he said. "My teammates elected me as co-captain with my friend and teammate, Chester Smith. This was indeed a true highlight. I worked hard to live up to the honor and was most grateful."

Acton and the Warriors won the season opener, a 14-7 decision over Mississippi Delta Community College.

Another football "highlight" occurred in a game at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, coached at that time by the legendary "Bull" Sullivan.

"On the first play from scrimmage," Action said, "I was hit so hard I lost both my front teeth...by the roots! Stitches were placed in my upper lip and I returned in the second half of the game. We had no face masks in the 1950s!"

He also recalled a game against Southwest Mississippi Community College and how head coach John Grace "motivated" the Warriors to victory.

"We were not playing well against Southwest and trailed 7-6 at halftime," Acton said. "No one said a word in the locker room. After 10 minutes of silence, Coach Grace opened the door very sternly and said, 'Excuse me, girls,' and walked out. We came back to win the game 13-7."

Acton said he and his teammates also took time for a little laughter and would occasionally pull tricks on each other, as he explained:

"One of our best running backs had a phobia for large animals. So, the linemen decided to place a real donkey in his room in Winston Hall, where the team lived. It was a humorous sight to see when he arrived in his room to find such a surprise! His exit was very fast, needless to say!"

Acton himself was the subject of a little "abuse."

During an assembly program, Coach Grace showed a film of the season's last game. Acton clearly jumped off sides during one play, which prompted Coach Grace to announce in front of the entire student body: "Acton, you need to learn not to jump off sides!" Acton said he was obviously a little embarrassed at that moment!

Regarding his baseball career, Acton said the main highlight occurred during his sophomore year in the state playoffs:

"I came to bat in the bottom of the ninth and we were down by two runs. We had two men on base, there were two outs and I had a 3-2 count before me. I hit a walk-off home run and we won the game, 10-9. I was credited with seven runs for the day!"

Acton recalled another highlight that actually became another "embarrassing moment."

"During one home game," he said, "I tore the seat of my baseball pants while sliding into home plate! Since we only had one uniform, I had to play the rest of the game trying to cover the hole with my glove!"

Acton's stats in baseball were surely not a laughing matter, as the infielder batted ...335 his freshman year and posted a .356 batting average his sophomore season.

Acton also served as manager for the 1952-53 men's championship basketball squad, coached by the late Arno Vincent, who also became the College's third president. The Warriors won the Mississippi Junior College Basketball Tournament and finished fourth in the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. The late Denver Brackeen was a standout member of the championship team and had intended to nominate Acton for the Athletic Hall of Fame prior to his death, according to Charlotte Brackeen, who submitted the nomination on behalf of her late husband.

"Denver did not get to follow through and make the nomination like he wanted to before he died," Charlotte said. "He spoke often about what an outstanding athlete Don was at EC and that he was very deserving of this honor. He also mentioned how important Don was to the basketball team. He was also an all-around student at EC and was very popular with his classmates."

Acton's popularity was represented by the fact that he was selected Mr.. ECJC for 1952-53.

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Another "highlight" was probably more of an embarrassment for the young athlete.

"We were playing tennis at Perkinston. My dad was in the VA hospital, so I was a little strung out the whole semester," she said. "And to make matters worse, I left my tennis shoes at home! My memory is that I played barefooted...but Coach Wood's memory is that I had to borrow tennis shoes from a Gulf Coast player. But regardless, I never forgot my tennis shoes again or any other piece of equipment!"

She also recalled competition on the ECJC courts during adverse weather conditions.

"It snowed during one of our matches in early April," she said with amazement. "I don't remember if we won, but we were able to finish the match!"

McPhail's passion also included playing basketball for ECCC and being a member of Coach Wood's 1969-70 and 1970-71 squads. McPhail was actually planning to attend MUW and play basketball...but credits the late Denver Brackeen (former EC coach/administrator) for "encouraging me to play basketball for ECJC."

She never regretted the decision, she said even though financial assistance was not available for female athletes at EC.

"We played (basketball) for the love of the game...there were no scholarships," she stated. "It was certainly a highlight to have been a contributing member of a state championship team (1970-71); however, my fondest memories are of my teammates and Coach Wood.

Wood said of her former player:

"I had the pleasure of coaching Wanda in three sports at East Central," said Wood. "She was a well-disciplined athlete who demonstrated outstanding leadership and athletic abilities in all three sports. She also excelled academically."

McPhail remembers playing in her first basketball game for Coach Wood. Ironically, the match-up was against then Meridian "Junior" College.

"They had just completed the new gym," she said. "I substituted off the bench and stayed in the rest of the game....what a rivalry!"

In addition to tennis and basketball, McPhail also found success in volleyball and intramurals. She helped lead EC to the 1970 state volleyball championship, and she served as team captain for intramurals from 1969-71.

She also found time to serve as Student Body Association treasurer and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. She received the Earline Wood Memorial Award and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Although sports were her passion, McPhail said her EC instructors were what she liked most about her college experience.

"My instructors were absolutely amazing," she said. "Most of them took such a personal interest in the students...and I really hated for classes to end each day."

She continued, "Mr. (Ovid) Vickers challenged me as I had never been challenged and created in me a love of learning as did Dr. (Richard) Ethridge, Mr. (Rudolph) Mayes, Mrs. (Alice) Pouncey, Coach (Joe) Clark, Mr. (Bruce) Peterson and Dr. (Shelby) Harris – they were all cut from a different cloth. I always knew they cared about me as a person. Coach Wood challenged me every day to go above and beyond. I developed the leadership skills I have now under the tutelage of these instructors and the ECJC administration."

McPhail continued her athletic career at Mississippi State College for Women, where she was a member of the varsity volleyball and badminton teams and participated in intramurals. She graduated summa cum laude in 1973. (McPhail also graduated summa cum laude from Mississippi State University-Meridian in 1978, when she received a master's degree in education.)

She began her coaching career the same year, although somewhat reluctantly, as she explained.

"I went to my first ever job as a physical education instructor at Kate Griffin Junior High School after graduating from the 'W,'" she said. "There was discussion about who was going to be the new junior high basketball coach. There were three of us who were new to the department, and we all vehemently argued that we were not the one."

She continued, "One of the teachers called me out in the hall and said, 'Please tell me that you are kidding about not being the coach because you are.' I tried to argue with the principal about this assignment and was told to look at the fine print in my contract. It read, '...and other duties as assigned by the building principal.' My second coaching job was also by assignment.... so I truly believe that God placed me in coaching. I have had the opportunity to touch and be touched by so many people."

McPhail's first "assignment" was a success, as her record as basketball coach was 98-23 during her tenure from 1973-78, and several of her track teams captured invitational and district meets. She also served as cheerleader coach from 1973-75.

After taking a break from coaching and teaching, McPhail joined the staff at West Lauderdale High School, where she was employed from 1991-2000. During this period, she taught English classes and coached basketball, volleyball, tennis and cheerleading.

Highlights in basketball include her 1994-95 girls' basketball team winning the Lauderdale County Tournament and being selected a *Clarion-Ledger* "Coach of the Week" in 1995. She was also an assistant coach for the boys' basketball team, which finished state runners-up in Class 3A in 1991-92.

McPhail is also credited with beginning the school's tennis program in 1993. She led the squad to the state runner-up title in 1998 and was selected an All-Star coach in 2000. Her overall record was 78-28 and included four district championships and four runner-up titles.

She also began volleyball competition in 1995 and had a winning season each year. Her overall record was 78-25 and included three district championships.

McPhail, who is an avid sports fan, mentioned several athletes she considers as role models.

"Pete Sampras is a favorite because he epitomized what 'sportsmanship' was in a time, unfortunately, in athletics that we don't always witness any sportsmanship. Also, I don't think people comprehend the conditioning he must have gone through to be such an effective server and volleyer," she said.

McPhail also praised Michael Jordan, the late Paul "Bear" Bryant and Brett Farve.

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"I think Michael Jordan is amazing. He should be an inspiration and an encouragement to many athletes to never give up. I am always amazed when I think that he was cut from a team as a young athlete and look what he did because he would not give up," she said.

"I admire Coach Bryant because of the discipline he instilled in his players," she stated. "But Brett Farve is my all-time favorite. I love that 'what you see is what you get' with Farve. His toughness and tenacity and love of the game cannot be surpassed."

In analyzing her own career, McPhail said she has obviously found her "niche" in coaching tennis.

"God has truly blessed me with great talent; thus I have much success," she stated. "However, my most valuable possession in my office is a tin box with letters, notes and e-mails from students who years later have indicated that I did make a difference while they were playing for me. Championships come and go as do trophies and plaques, but the lives that we touch as coaches are a living and eternal testimony of what we can do through athletics."

McPhail also thanked her family – husband, Mark D. McPhail, retired CEO at Jeff Anderson Hospital in Merdian and children, David Logan McPhail, Haley McPhail Davis and Morgan McPhail Vitart – "for allowing me to pursue a coaching career. I, like my male counterparts, am gone from home often and late; I spend many hours and weekends away from home. They have always supported me and picked up the slack when I was away."

In addition, she is appreciative of her high school coach, T. L. Gregory, "who took a 4'8" skinny little girl and developed her into a basketball player."

"I'm also appreciative to (the late) Denver Brackeen for meeting with me in the summer of 1969 and encouraging me to come play basketball at ECJC because I was headed straight to MSCW.

"And I'm grateful to my bosses, Ikie Ethridge, Billy Harold Smith and Dr. Scott Elliott, for giving me the chance to coach. If I had it all to do over again, I would choose this career path. The intrinsic awards are well worth the time spent," she said.

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He said, "First and foremost would be my parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Winstead of the House community in Neshoba County, and my brothers and sisters. When we were growing up, Christian love, an honest day's work and respect for others were normal activities at our home. I have been greatly influenced by my wife and children and now, more than ever, by my grandchildren.

"People who have influenced me in my professional and Christian life are many. I have truly been blessed by my co-workers, my pastors through the years and my fellow church members."

In a letter endorsing the nomination of Winstead as Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Tucker also wrote, "Jack Winstead has always represented East Central well. For example, at his retirement banquet in Jackson some 12 to 15 years ago, he had me to stand while he told the more than 100 present (from municipal, state and federal governments, his neighbors and friends) what East Central Community College had meant to him and his career."

The Winsteads have three surviving children: son, Allen Winstead and wife, Kristen; and daughters, Leslie Hales and husband, Lester, and Lori Brechtel and husband, Michael. Allen serves as minister of education at First Baptist Church in Senatobia; Leslie is a former office space designer and is now a house parent at Big Oak Boys Ranch in Gadsden, Ala.; and Lori is a former art director for Mississippi Magazine and is now a stay-at-home mother and lives in Brandon. Daughter Debbie Jones died of breast cancer at age 32. They also have seven grandchildren. Winstead's first wife, the former Mary Gilmore of Stonewall, died in 1987.

Winstead completed his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University in1958 and completed additional graduate work at Mississippi State University and the University of Oklahoma.

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life's challenges."

Her most recent challenge was a successful bout with breast cancer, during which she said she learned to believe in the four P's.

"I have always heard that happy and successful people believe in the three F's: faith, family and friends," said Folks. "I've certainly found that to be true; and, since my battle with breast cancer, I've added the four P's: prayers, praise, patience and perseverance."

In nominating Folks for this award, Katherine Furr, a member of the ECCC Class of 1945, wrote, "Since she has come through her bout with cancer, Rosalyn said she would like to be known as 'one who invests herself in helping another as a counselor, role model, helper or encourager,' an honor given to her by Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg. She now travels to speak to support groups about keeping a positive outlook. Not one time (during her illness) did she complain and she was always grateful for our assistance. This whole town loves Rosalyn, especially her former students."

Folks is married to Percy Folks of Picayune. She has one sister, Evelyn Dennis and her husband, Harold, of Forest; and two nieces and four nephews, many of whom have attended ECCC. She received her bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1966 and 1971, respectively. She completed additional hours in 1980.



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"I was amazed and humbly grateful (regarding the honor)... for I considered every single student my friend."

Acton also served as sophomore class president and was chairman of the Election Committee. He was a member of the Madrigals, Mixed Choir and Baptist Student Union Counsel.

In reflecting on his time at EC, Acton made the following comments:

"From the moment I first stepped foot on campus, it was the beginning of a foundation for everything that I have accomplished. I loved my high school but it failed to prepare me for college. ECCC knew this immediately and all who were associated with me happily provided their assistance. I felt the love and caring of everyone. The memories are very real to me. I never skipped class simply because I enjoyed taking part in them. Despite being an average student at ECCC, the foundation that was formed enabled me to make all A's in my graduate work. To me, ECCC was a continuation of the loving and caring home I was raised in."

Acton continued his education and athletic career by attending Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn. While there, he was a two-year standout on the baseball team and served as team captain.

The highlight of his baseball career at Bethel came during his senior season, when he posted a ..419 batting average, which was a conference record. He also served as team captain.

Acton said his batting average while playing at EC and Bethel was .350, and he only struck out seven times total during the four-year span as a starter. "I'm very proud of both achievements," he said.

In addition to playing baseball at Bethel, Acton was a two-year member on the tennis team.

His popularity as student continued at the small school, as he was selected senior class president and was runner-up to Mr. Bethel College. He received a bachelor's degree in 1955 and would later be honored by the college with the Bethel Distinguished Alumni Award, presented in 1992.

Acton's coaching career began in 1955 at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, where he served as head coach for the freshman football team. He also earned a master's degree at Western Kentucky.

But the highlight of his coaching career came later at Warren Central High School, also located in Bowling Green. He was 26 years old when he was hired as the school's first head football coach.

"In 1959, this school had 1,500 students and was known for its basketball program," he said. "They had never played football; so, I was hired to organize a football team. Only four of the 44 team members had ever played the game."

Despite the odds, Acton led that first team to an undefeated season, averaging 33 points a game! He followed that success with an 8-2 record. Obviously, both teams would have advanced to post-season play but playoffs did not exist at that time.

Acton also coached the school's baseball team, which earned district and regional titles. He also served as golf coach.

Acton continued his coaching career at Vincent (Ala.) High School, his alma mater, where he was head coach for baseball and basketball and was assistant football coach.

He later coached girls' basketball and softball and served as headmaster at Warrior Academy in Eutaw, Ala.

Acton completed his coaching career by winning an astonishing 87 percent of all games played. He led his teams to four district championships and three regional titles. He also had two state runners-up, one in women's basketball and the other in baseball.

Although he was obviously quite busy as a coach, Acton still found time to continue his love of participation in sports.

"I was blessed to play 63 consecutive years of softball or baseball, in an organized league...and I enjoyed every game," he said.

He particularly excelled in golf, winning the East Tennessee Senior Olympic Golf Tournament.

"There were 480 entries for the tournament," he said. "And to win a gold medal, at age 71, was very exciting!"

He also won gold medals in softball competition and has earned four gold medals overall.

Acton's expertise in golf is also reflected by the fact he has recorded five holes-in-one!

He has also played rounds of golf with many celebrities, including the late Alabama head football coach, Paul "Bear" Bryant.

"Coach Bryant was a role model for me," Acton said. "I had the privilege of playing several rounds of golf with him and knew him personally. I also emulated him as much as possible. The last round of golf I played with him was in 1976. Included in the foursome was Joe Namath and Jerry Pate, a U.S. Open champion."

Acton said he had several role models, but his dad (the Rev. A. C. Acton) was number one.

"He was the youngest of 10 boys and was an outstanding baseball and football player," he said of his father. "In his senior year of high school, he was involved in a hunting accident, which resulted in the loss of his eyesight in one eye. However, he did not let that misfortune halt his athletic career, as he played amateur baseball for years. He was an ordained minister and served a church in Walnut Grove when I attended East Central."

Acton said his fondest memory of his dad and sports was when the two played a doubleheader together. Acton was 13 at the time.

"Dad pitched the opener right-handed and also saw time at first base," he recalled."During the second game, he threw left-handed. I played second base during both games. It was lots of fun."

Acton mentioned other role models, including the late Ted Williams and Denver Brackeen, and Arnold Palmer:

"Coach Grace arranged, during my freshman year of baseball, for Ted Williams to work with the team. I worked with him on my hitting for a week. Clayton Blount, a member of the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame, was responsible for Ted Williams meeting Coach Grace.

"Denver Brackeen was my idol, hero and best friend. I have never met a person I admired more. Even though he is no longer with us, he will always be dear to me. He and his wife, Charlotte, were always close friends. I wrote a story about Denver titled, 'County Boy Makes Good.' Denver was always a true, Southern gentleman and served God, family and country.

"I was part of 'Arnie's Army'...he was the best ever. I fol-

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# *A 'Surprised' Joe Clark Named to MACJC Sports Hall of Fame*

When Joe Clark received a telephone call from East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin regarding the 2009 MACJC Sports Hall of Fame, the retired coach thought his opinion was being sought for nominations to the prestigious group. The Decatur resident had no idea that his recommendations were not needed after all.

JOE CLARK

"To be honest, as many times as I have had to pick people in the last 12 years for various honors, I thought he was calling for me to help select somebody," Clark said. "Well, when Dr. Sutphin said, 'you're it' I replied, 'Do what'? And he again said, 'you're it!' And I thought to myself, surely we have not gotten that thin (for nominations) around here yet! It had never crossed my mind to be in the (MACJC) Sports Hall of Fame...obviously more than just wins and losses are considered for membership... it's the other things I may have done through 34 years in athletics that qualified me for membership. This is a great honor and I cannot express how appreciative I am to the East Central Alumni Association for selecting me."

Clark joined the other 14 Hall of Fame members for 2009 representing the state's community and junior colleges, who were inducted during a ceremony on Tuesday, April 28, at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson. Only one representative from each college is selected for the honor beginning with this year's class.

Clark, who retired from full-time responsibilities in 1996 but continued coaching the golf team through 2001, is the sixth representative from ECCC to be enshrined in the MACJC (Mississippi Association for Community and Junior Colleges) Sports Hall of Fame, which was initiated in 2007. Lucille Wood, Arno Vincent and the late Denver Brackeen were the first inductees, and Earl Marshall and the late Lamar Blount were chosen in 2008.

Clark was a member of a championship basketball squad at East Central and returned to his alma mater to coach men's basketball for 13 years, golf for 30 years and tennis for 20 years during his 34-year tenure on the Decatur campus. Clark also taught math throughout his career at East Central and served 26 years as housing director. In addition, he served as bus driver for several athletic teams, including his own! And he could often be seen filming football games or keeping the clock during basketball games.

His coaching highlights include his 1968-69 Warrior basketball team finishing 20-7, and his 1995-1996 golf and tennis teams being selected NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year.

Clark was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992. He was named Region 23 Golf Coach of the Year in 1997 and MACJC Golf Coach of the Year in 2001.

Clark's love of basketball began during his youth when he attended Linwood School, which later merged into Neshoba Central. He recalls how he constructed a make-do goal at his house to sharpen his shooting skills.

"I used the hub of a wagon wheel for a goal, a worn-out blue jean leg that was sewed to the wheel for a net, and had a sponge ball for a basketball," he laughed. "I attached the goal to a wall on our house... and spent many long hours making shots with that sponge ball!

Clark said that by the time he was in the eighth grade, he knew he wanted to coach basketball and teach math. He attributes his love for both subjects to his former coach, Sterling Fancher, and math teacher, John Grimes.

But it was Clark's talents on the basketball court that landed the 6-3 forward a spot on the then "ECJC" Warrior squad and an opportunity for a college education to pursue his goals. Clark's success in helping lead Linwood to a 24-14 record obviously caught the attention of then Warrior head coach Clayton Blount, who recently passed away.

"I don't know if I would have been able to go to college had it not been for Coach Blount providing me with a basketball scholarship," Clark said. "I came back to East Central a lot of times on Monday mornings with just 50 cents to do me the rest of the week. But that was all there was in the house. If there had been more money, I know my parents would have given it to me."

Clark said he was the "designated shooter" during his two years at East Central and the following two years when he played at Livingston State (now the University of West Alabama.)

"I could not guard my grandma or average a rebound a semester," Clark quipped. "But if the other team played a zone, I got to play. If we were behind, it was my job to make baskets to put us in the lead, and then we could freeze the ball (there was no time clock then) and hopefully get the win. Coach Blount would have us hold the ball all night if the other team did not guard us one-on-one."

The highlight of Clark's playing career was during his sophomore year, when the 1954-55 Warriors won the Region 7 title and finished fourth in the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas The championship team finished 33-2.

"I tell you one thing, it's a long way from Linwood to Hutchinson, and I'm just not talking about distance, either! There were probably 10,000 fans watching us country boys play basketball, it was really exciting," he said.

Other team members were Wayne Tullos, Darrell Thomas, Leo Russell, Henry Crocker, Joe Lee Johnson, Morris Hurst, James Griffin, Johnny Alexander and A. G. Robinson. Managers were Tom Burt and Glenn Miles.

Clark continued his basketball career at Livingston State, where he was a two-year starter. His senior year the Tigers experienced their first winning season in several years. Clark received a bachelor's degree in physical education and math from

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# Coach Joe Clark's Basketball Squads Among Groups Honored at Homecoming

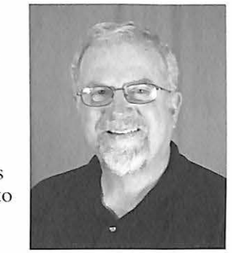
Members of Coach Joe Clark's basketball teams (1964-76) are among reunion groups being recognized at this year's Homecoming celebration scheduled Saturday, Oct. 3.

Numerous team members are expected to attend reunion activities, which begin at 10 a.m. in Newton Hall, Room 92.

Several of Clark's players have also sent comments regarding their former coach:

**Mike Horne** (1972-1973): "Coach Clark set an example for me that went beyond basketball. He treated everyone on the team with dignity and respect, regardless of whether you were a starter or the last man off the bench. I have great memories of playing for Coach – it was fun. I'm just glad he never pulled back the covers during all those curfew checks to discover we were still in our street clothes – (there were) lots of close calls!"

**Dr. Mike Waldrop** (1967-1968): "Coach Clark was more than a basketball coach. What I remember most is his high moral character and integrity. Basketball fades over time; integrity and character do not."



**Danny Gressett** (1971-1972): "First of all, thanks to Coach Clark for the many years of dedicated service you have given to East Central Community College. There are not many times that we tell someone what a positive impact that they had in our lives at a time when we needed goals and direction. I would honestly like to say that the time I played basketball under your coaching at East Central was some of the best times of my life. Coach, I remember my freshman year we were still in Founders' Gym. Boy, did you make us run and jump rope! My roommates were R.L. Gilmer and Allen Harrison who were both sophomores. I remember you coming by every night to talk with us in Todd Hall and to see that we were staying out of trouble. In high school, I could never dunk the ball but with all that rope jumping I was able to dunk but not like Jeff Gardner who was 5'10." I remember you wanting me to shoot that little hook shot whenever I got the chance, even though I probably only made one out of 10! What I can say, coach, I liked the hook! There are so many things that I remember when I was playing for Coach Clark and they are all good memories, like when Coach Clark would drive us in a school bus to all our off games. That was a great time. He took care of us in whatever situation we were in. Coach, thanks for not only being a great basketball coach but for all the direction and care you have given to so many students over the years."

**Max Munn** (1965-1967): In addition to being a terrific coach, I learned much more from Coach Clark! He was a GREAT role model! I learned more about how to treat and respect other people. He also created a work ethic in me that I carried on as I played (not college) for the next 15 or so years and this work ethic also carried over into my 34 year career in education (15 of those years were in coaching {14 at Itawamba College College}). I owe much to his teachings!!

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Livingston and later earned a master's degree in math education from Mississippi College.

Clark began his coaching career at Zama and Edinburg high schools before taking over the East Central men's basketball program in 1963. He led the Warriors through the 1975-76 season. He later filled in as interim coach on two occasions.

As golf coach, Clark recalled funds were rather tight during the first few years.

"There wasn't a golf budget," Clark said. "We went in my car with my gas. I also purchased golf balls for the team. But finally the College provided funds for the program and was even able to send several players to the national tournament."

"Golf, as well as tennis, is really played for fun more than anything else," said the longtime coach. "The pressure to succeed is not as great as it is with major sports. Participants have an opportunity to really enjoy golf and tennis, like sports were originally meant to be played."

Clark and his wife, the former Carolyn Johnson of Zama, have three sons. Dr. Stan Clark is an accounting professor at the University of Southern Mississippi. He and his wife, Melba, have two sons, Thomas and Andrew, both students at Presbyterian Christian School. Chris Clark serves as workforce development coordinator at ECCC. He and his wife, Sandy, have two children, Luke and Olivia, who attend Newton County Elementary School. Kevin Clark is store manager for an American Eagle store in Hattiesburg.

# *Cooper and Former Basketball Warriors To Reunite at Homecoming*

When Marty Cooper was hired as East Central Community College's men's basketball coach in the fall of 1991, he had several obstacles to overcome: he began his tenure on Oct. 14 and had only two weeks to prepare for the first game; he was unfamiliar with the College, and his interview on the Decatur campus was actually his first trip to the Magnolia State; and he was a newly-wed, having married between the time of his interview and his arrival on campus.

So, how did he respond?

Very well, as followers of Warrior basketball can attest.

In that first season, Cooper's 1991-92 squad won the MACJC South Division and MACJC South State Tournament, finished runners-up in the MACJC State Tournament and advanced to the semi-finals of the Region 23 Tournament en route to a 28-5 record.

MARTY COOPER

Winning continued for Cooper the following year, as the 1992-93 squad accomplished what no other Warrior basketball team had done in 40 years – win a state championship! East Central won the crown in exciting fashion, by beating home standing and perennial power Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on a last-second shot in overtime. The championship squad finished with a 24-8 record.

Cooper's third season – 1993-94 - was also a success, as the Warriors captured the MACJC South Division Tournament, finished state runners-up and advanced to regional competition before ending season action at 23-5.

Going 75-18 those three years will definitely be a part of Warrior basketball history. Cooper's remaining four squads were not as successful as the first three, but his overall record during his seven-year tenure stands at an impressive 116-81.

Cooper and his 1991-98 Warrior squads are among special groups being honored at ECCC's homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 3. Reunion meetings begin at 10 a.m. followed by the Alumni Luncheon at Noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Cooper, who has continued his successful coaching career at Itawamba Community College, said he and his wife, Jennifer, who serves as his "volunteer" assistant, are most appreciative of the recognition.

"Jennifer and I owe so much to the people at East Central," Cooper said. "They gave a young couple a great opportunity and we will never forget that!"

Cooper said he will also never forget those first few days on the Decatur campus.

"As soon as the U-Haul arrived on Friday night, the fun began!" he said laughing. "Coach Joe (Clark) got us moved in and I introduced him to Jennifer, my new bride! A few minutes later, Dr. (Eddie) Smith (then president) showed up wanting to know who the woman was. He said to me, 'You never told us you were married during the interview' and I replied, 'I wasn't... but I am now!' Jennifer and I had gotten married in her mom's living room the previous Wednesday night. And to prove to Dr. Smith that we were married, she called him later that night and invited him to come over and inspect the marriage license! Jennifer also called Dr. Smith a year later on our anniversary and we all had a good laugh about our first night in Decatur!"

But now back to basketball.

Cooper, who accepted the job on Monday, October 7, 2001, following the resignation of Jay Bowen, noted that practice had already begun on Oct. 1, with Coach Clark and then Lady Warrior head coach Sammy Pace conducting drills.

Cooper admitted knowing very little about Mississippi, much less Decatur!

"I had never been to Decatur or even to the State of Mississippi before, so I had no idea what I was getting into...I was a total rookie," Cooper said. "I remember Mr. (Ovid) Vickers pulling me to the side during my first week to nicely explain that I was not going to make all the changes I wanted in the first week! But everyone was so nice and welcomed us and the players accepted us right away and made the transition as smooth as it could be under the circumstances."

Prior to coming to Decatur, Cooper had to wrap up details at Miami, Ohio, where he was serving a second stint as an assistant coach, this time with the women's program. He had taken the Miami, Ohio, job after succeeding Bowen as an assistant at Armstrong State in Savannah, Ga. Cooper had returned to Miami, Ohio, where he earlier served two years as a graduate assistant for the men's team.

"I was not only happy to become a head coach but to also be back in men's basketball," Cooper stated, referring to his new job at ECCC.

In describing his first Warrior squad, Cooper said the first words that come to mind are "mental toughness."

"To this day," Cooper continued, "I would not trade (team members) Luther Riley (head coach at Jackson Provine), Marc Stribling (head coach at Philadelphia) and Tony Bailey for anyone I have ever coached! J.P. Viverette and Vandy Hopson were also really talented but Riley, Stribling and Bailey made it all happen."

Cooper said despite the 1991-92 team's success, he still thinks the squad should have won the state championship. He blames himself for not capturing the title.

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"I blew that one, not the players....rookie coach got out-foxed by the coaching legend Bob Weathers at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College!" Cooper stated. 'We had beaten them three times, twice in the regular season and by 25 points in the South State Championship. I did not give enough respect to Coach Weathers and his team. But on a personal level, it made Coach Weathers and his family real close friends with Jennifer and me. And it's a relationship we have enjoyed for 18 years."

Cooper also thought his first squad should have won the Region 23 Tournament, but instead fell in double-overtime to Meridian Community College.

"We had the best team in the state and region and could have competed very well at the national tournament if we had gotten there," he recalled. "It (both losses) still hurts today. We only had about nine players to dress out in the region tournament...but the guys really played well."

But regardless of the results, Cooper said his first team will always hold a special place in the hearts of the Coopers.

"I would take on any community college team at any place and time in history with those five sophomores and feel good about our chances," he said.

Cooper and his 1992-93 squad would not be denied the state title, although odds of winning the championship seemed unlikely early in the first half.

The Warriors trailed 19-2 to home standing Gulf Coast when Cooper decided to call time out.

" Usually I would be upset with a team trailing by so much, but Jennifer and I commented to each other that the guys were just nervous....young...and we should be proud just to be in the championship game. So, we remained calm and tried to calm the team down, too," Cooper said. "I remember smiling at them... telling them to relax....and that Gulf Coast was talented and really hot, but that they would give us a chance to get back into the game if we kept working hard."

And that's exactly what the Warriors did. They cut the lead to 38-30 at the break.

"When we went into the locker room," Cooper said, "I knew we had a great chance to make a game of it. The kids were really confident at halftime. We knew Gulf Coast had given us their best shot and we were still standing."

Cooper said Jennifer came up with the plan to set screens against the Gulf Coast zone, which allowed Harold Scott to connect on several three-point shots and tie the score.

"Regulation came down with us having the ball trailing by two points with a last shot to tie or win." Cooper recalled. "We would have loved to have gotten the ball to Marcus Mann but we were running our motion offense. I really don't know who took the last shot with about four seconds left and missed, but Stacy Miller grabbed the rebound and put the shot back in at the buzzer to send the game into overtime!"

With the game tied late in the extra period, Cooper said he continued to run the motion offense, trying to get the best shot possible. His strategy worked, and Anthony Coleman drilled a 12-foot baseline jumper with two seconds left to win 87-85!

In reflecting on the 1992-93 season, Cooper noted the Warriors had split their two division games with Gulf Coast and fell to the Bulldogs in the final seconds of the MACJC South State Tournament, held at Hinds. EC played the game with Marcus Mann, who had sustained a serious ankle sprain.

"That game (Gulf Coast) decided who would host the state tournament, so it was a triple loss losing Marcus, South State and home court for the state tournament," Cooper recalled. "So it was a special season to have all the freshmen we had and still win the state tournament."

Mann, a product of South Leake High School who had originally signed with Mississippi State University, was one of the key freshman players on the championship squad.

"Marcus was a special player and I do not think we have had a better one in our league in my 18 years because he was not only a great talent but a good student and super person," Cooper stated.

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lowed him at the Master's (Golf Tournament) for seven years. What a thrill to follow him for four rounds of golf in four days at Augusta National!

Acton's career work also includes serving as an ordained Presbyterian minister, executive director for the Alabama Sheriff's and Boys and Girls' Ranches and his service in the U.S. Marine Corps and Alabama National Guard.

He was also the founder of Wilson County Boys' Ranch in Mount Juliet, Tenn., a home for boys in need of "moral and spiritual" assistance.

To most people, having such a varied and time-consuming career would be too difficult to comprehend, much less handle. But such was not the case for Don Acton.

"Words cannot explain just how much I have enjoyed more than 50 years in my career," he said. "I have had only 21 sick days during these years. I tell people from day one that I am on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No reward is greater than knowing that you have helped someone along life's way. Life is a journey and mine has enabled me to have a loving and caring wife of 53 years, four wonderful children and five grandchildren. My journey has been and is most rewarding, as well as, enjoyable. I start each day with, 'This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!'"

Acton is married to the former Mary Kathleen Marion of Knoxville, Tenn.

They have four grown children: Tanda, Tara, Preble and John; and five grandchildren: Caroline, Evan, Brittney, John and David.

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"His teammates were never jealous of him because he carried himself so well and they always wanted to get him the ball."

Cooper also had praise for Coleman, who made the game-winning shot in overtime to clinch the state title.

"Anthony Coleman was also special," Cooper said. "I remember playing in an early season tournament at Jones, and Marcus scored 44 in the first game and Anthony came back with 45 the next night. They were a great 1-2 punch!"

THE 1993 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM CELEBRATES FOLLOWING THEIR VICTORY.

Cooper said the championship squad also had depth, the one thing lacking from the previous year's team.

"We had really good players like Stanley Ford of Louisville and Anthony Huddleston of Union, who came off the bench but were good enough to be starters," Cooper stated. "Matt Riley and Harold Scott did a great job at guards and Eric Morgan and Michael Coats provided great depth and became starters the following year. Chris Croft was a student assistant on that team and is now director of basketball operations at the University of Nebraska. So we had a very special group."

Cooper received MACJC Men's Basketball Coach of the Year honors following the championship season, but gave credit to others.

"Winning the award was nice," he said, "but it just means you have great players, a great assistant coach and a great support staff."

The following year (1993-94), the Warriors had another successful campaign, as they won the South Division Tournament, finished State Tournament runners-up, and advanced to regional competition before ending the season with a 23-5 record.

Cooper was pleased with the record but thought he could have done a better job coaching the team.

"Well, 23-5 was great but my second all-time depressing moment after (losing to) Meridian in the region would have to be losing to Northeast in the championship game in Booneville," Cooper said. "We were up by two at halftime and lost because I did not have us prepared for their zone defense. If I could coach those three years over again, we would have won three straight state championships. But I learned a lot the hard way as most of us do!

"We just did not have the depth on the 1993-94 team. Stanley Ford decided not to come back for his sophomore year and that really hurt. We signed an out-of-state guard that quit school before the season started, but Marcus and his sophomore teammates used their experience to get us back to the title game after winning South Division and South State titles."

Cooper said Philip Prince was one of the freshmen on the 1993-94 team who got some playing time. He also led the following year's team in scoring.

"I probably should have brought him (Phillip) along faster because he could have made the shots against the Northeast zone," Cooper said.

In analyzing his first three ECCC squads, Cooper said what he remembers most "is how well they got along off the court. They were good kids! Everyone who stayed on the team for two years graduated, which is amazing in community college basketball. The ECCC faculty bent over backwards to help them, and Mr. and Mrs. (Ovid) Vickers came to the study table at the library every night to help them. Other teachers did so as well, including Alice Pouncey. Dr. Smith also got so much support from the administration to go to games, even on the road. The entire ECCC family was just really close!"

After a couple of "down" years, Cooper's squads returned to their winnings ways when current Warrior head coach Maurice Bowie joined the team in 1995.

"Maurice was a first team All-State and All-Region selection and All-Star, and Jennifer and I probably spent more time recruiting him than any other person during our 18 years," he said."We are still close to his family, and are so proud of Maurice and how far he has advanced in the coaching profession! He really helped us take the program at Itawamba to another level with his great recruiting. I just remember kids playing hard and ECCC still has the reputation under Coach Bowie. It's never easy to come to Decatur and win," Cooper said.

Cooper left EC following the 1997-98 season to take over the men's basketball program at Itawamba Community College in

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# PETERSON'S MUSICAL CASTS TO REUNITE FOR HOMECOMING

Former casts of four musicals directed by Bruce Peterson, including *1974 Camelot, 1979 Mame, 1982 Carousel,* and *1985 Oklahoma* are among special groups being honored during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009. The group being selected for the homecoming recognition was exciting news according to Peterson, who directed musicals at the College for the first 20 years.

"The casts being chosen for the honor was a big surprise," Peterson said. "I am quite honored."

Peterson said the casts selected for the reunion group consist of the musicals that were retired from the school repertoire because of their outstanding performances. He said the honor would especially be important to the cast members because of their memories of the time spent with the musicals.

"I really love the time I spent there (at ECCC) and so do the students particularly those who participated in the musicals. They will always have the memory of staring in a Broadway musical," Peterson, who also taught speech, theatre chorus and dinner theatre at ECCC.

Peterson said the cast members made each musical a success.

"I was very fortunate that we had outstanding students to work with for the musicals," Peterson said. "The cast members were all volunteer and the musical was just extracurricular. The musicals were done entirely by the students, from the performers to the orchestra."

Former cast members such as Cy Williams, who played King Pellinore in *Camelot* and Colonel Pickering in *My Fair Lady* under Peterson's direction denoted the influence the musicals and Peterson had on their lives.

"Bruce Peterson came to talk to my speech class at Union High School when I was a senior in 1973," Williams said. "It was there that he invited us to see his spring production of *Hello Dolly*. We all went as a group and I saw my first play. As I look back at my life I guess that you can say that this single incident was one of the defining points in my life. I was at East Central at tryouts the next fall and Mr. Peterson cast me and for that I will be forever grateful."

After completing his collegiate studies at Delta State University and The University of Louisiana, he began his first job as the Speech and Theatre Director at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba. Williams has continued his career path for 32 years thus far in community college education currently serving as an instructor and director of theatre at Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

The honored musical casts will meet at 10 a.m. The football game against Northeast Mississippi Community College begins at 2:30 p.m.

For more information on the musical casts' reunion group, contact Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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Fulton and quickly found success.

He recently won a third-straight MACJC North Division championship, and his 2007-08 team also captured the MACJC State Tournament, Region 23 Tournament and advanced to the NJCAA Tournament in Hutchison, Kansas. The talented squad finished with a 30-4 record and was ranked fifth in the final NJCAA poll. His 2001-02 and 2006-07 teams also advanced to the NJCAA Tournament. His overall record as Indians' head coach is 209-101. His combined record at ICC and East Central is 325-182.

Regarding his success at Itawamba, Cooper said, "We have great support here and consider ourselves lucky to have a state-of-the-art playing facility like the Davis Event Center."

Cooper, a Jackson, Ohio, native, earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Rio Grande (Ohio) College, and received a master's degree in physical education from Miami (Ohio) University.

In addition to coaching stints previously mentioned, Cooper served as a junior high school coach at Jackson, Ohio, and was head freshman coach and varsity assistant at Talawanda High School in Oxford, Ohio.

Marty and Jennifer will observe their 18th wedding anniversary on Oct. 9, 2009. Their daughter, McKenzie, is nine and in the fourth grade. In addition to serving as her husband's "volunteer" assistant, Jennifer is a full-time instructor in the ICC science department. She previously served three years as Chair of the Natural Science Division, while Marty chaired the health, physical education and recreation department. Marty continues to teach in the health, recreation and physical education department along with his coaching duties.

They are the only husband-wife combo to belong to the Cradle of Coaches, a coaching organization.

Even though Marty and Jennifer are obviously proud of their success on the hardwood, they are even more appreciative of their relationships with former players.

"What we treasure the most is when former East Central players call to let us know what is going on in their lives," Marty said. "Players like Anthony Coleman, who called to let us know he graduated from senior college, or Anthony Huddleston, who expressed how happy he is with his job in Dayton, Ohio, or Maurice Bowie, who keeps us informed about his daughter, or Cedric Sledge, who keeps us up-to-date with his life. We also enjoy visiting with former players, like Phillip Prince and his family. And that is really what coaching is all about....maintaining relationships and helping someone reach his goal or potential...which provides much more satisfaction to me than winning championships."

# Boyd Leaves Education Following 28-Year Career

Ever since she was a small child, Debbie Boyd knew she wanted to be a teacher.

"When I 'played school' with my sister, I was always the teacher," Boyd recalled. "I've always wanted a career in education."

She said her career decision was also influenced by her first-grade teacher and ninth-grade algebra instructor.

Boyd said it's hard to believe that the career she dreamt of as a child has come to an end. She retired aft the end of the fall term after serving twenty-eight-and-a-half years in education, most recently at East Central Community College.

Debbie Boyd

"I cannot believe that I've been teaching so long!" exclaimed Boyd, who joined the ECCC English faculty in 2003 following 22 years as an instructor in the Meridian Public School System. She is also a former adjunct instructor at the Meridian branch of Mississippi State University and Meridian Community College.

"Although I'm sad about leaving EC," she continued, "I think change is good. Since my first year of teaching, I've had a poster that states that it is only through change that we grow. I've enjoyed the changes in my profession through the years."

One of the most notable changes in the teaching profession is the use of computers in the classroom.

"I use the computer more to teach now than I did when I first began," Boyd said. "Being able to use word processors and later computers has been a substantial improvement over the use of a typewriter. By using a computer and by being able to save documents on a hard drive or a jump drive, students can utilize flexibility and ease in writing."

Although technology has brought about change in the classroom, Boyd said the most effective way to reach students is with the personal approach.

"An instructor must let students know that he or she is willing to help them learn and improve themselves, especially in writing," she said. "It is also important to remind students that instructors write, revise and rewrite, too!"

Boyd noted along with changes, there have also been challenges throughout her career.

"One of the biggest challenges is balancing the paper load with everything else," she said. "There never seems to be enough time to grade all those papers!"

She said another challenge "is the planning involved in getting all the necessary information and materials into a semester."

Although the "paper load" for teachers is not likely to change anytime soon, Boyd said one change she would like to see in education is more financial support for the state's community and junior colleges.

"I would like to see more state funding and fewer budget cuts from the Mississippi State Legislature in order for community colleges to be able to update facilities and classroom equipment, especially in the area of technology," she said.

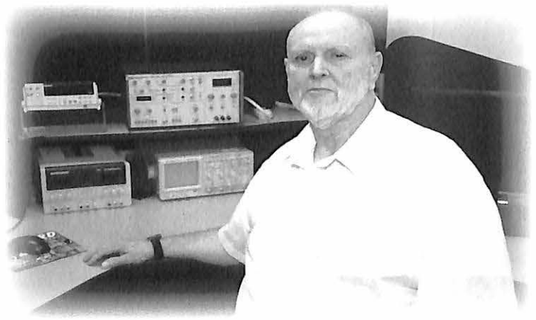
Boyd, whose teaching honors include her selection as a "Lamplighter," an award recognizing the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors, said it's possible she will resume teaching after a little vacation time.

"I'll be moving to Pensacola to enjoy the sun and sand," she said with a big smile. "My husband (Dock Boyd) and I have been in the transition of moving from Meridian to Pensacola for about two-and-a-half years. He's been working there as funeral director at Faith Chapel Funeral Home since June 2006, and we bought a house last December. However, I'm a goal-oriented person, so I'm sure that after a few months of rest and relaxation, I'll be working again."

A graduate of North Pike High School in Summit, Boyd holds an associate of arts from Southwest Mississippi Community College, a bachelor of arts from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a master of arts and educational specialist degree from Mississippi State University.

## Clark Leaving ECCC Career-Tech Faculty

After serving 20 years as a classroom instructor, East Central Community College electronic technology instructor James Clark retired following the spring term. Clark, who said he is ready "to move on to the next job," began his employment at ECCC in 1998. He is a graduate of Lewis County High School in Vanceburg, Ky., and received an associate's degree in consumer electronics and television service from Salano Community College in Suisun, Calif. He has 20 years of electrical/electronics experience in the Navy, 20 years work experience as an electronic engineer with Hughes Aircraft/Raytheon and three years experience teaching electronics at Salano Community College. He and his wife, Barbara, reside near Lake. They have a son, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.





# Wright to Spend Retirement Enjoying Grandchildren

Following 16 years as an Early Childhood Education instructor at East Central Community College, Mary Ann Wright retired at the end of the fall term.

Reflecting on her career she had mixed emotions about retiring.

"It will be very hard to walk away, but on the other hand, I have many things to look forward to…many of which I'm not even aware…because God always has a plan for our lives and it's always better than any plan we have for ourselves," she said. "So I'm looking forward to seeing where God is going to lead me."

Wright never really intended to become a teacher but after becoming a single parent she put her degree in home economics to use as an instructor in the Mississippi Delta. After moving to Meridian, she took a job in real estate and radio sales for 12 years before going back to the classroom as a childcare instructor in the Lauderdale County School System and then ECCC.

Mary Ann Wright

"I don't think my teaching methods have changed very much over the years," she said. "I started out being a home economics teacher and now I'm director of the early childhood education program at EC. Home economics has always been about taking care of the family and that's what I feel I am still doing. I'm taking care of people's children, training students how to take care of children, and dealing with parents of the children. Many times these parents come to me with problems they are having with their children or other things that may indirectly affect their children. So I'm still helping solve problems with the family."

Wright said the most effective way to reach students is to let them know their teacher cares about them and their success in school. "The old saying about 'not caring about what a person knows until you know the person cares' is very true. I do care about my students. They know my office door is open to them anytime whether it is about school work, personal problems or just to chat. They know I'm sincerely interested in their lives and want only the best for them.

She added, "I learned a long time ago when I was in radio sales that whatever title is on your business card (account executive, advertising consultant, etc.) doesn't matter. The title that should be on there is helper, because what people really need is your help and if you're not there to help them then you're in the wrong business. The same thing is true of students. If you're not here to help them then you're in the wrong business."

One thing Wright won't miss about the teaching profession is the new technology. "I guess it's time for me to retire because I'm not wild about this new technology," she said. "I feel I need to look these students in the face when I teach them, when I give assignments, tests, etc. I don't like distance learning and putting assignments on the computer for them. I don't know how in the world you can teach and grade a student on working with children when they have no contact with children, but only book knowledge. This might be fine for some subjects, but when it comes to working with children, I feel there is only one way to do this and that's hands-on contact."

Although she isn't keen on some of the technological changes, Wright does praise the community college system. "I feel community colleges are great liasons between high schools and universities. Many students can't afford four years at a university and many are just not ready for university life at the age of 18. Therefore community colleges serve as a connection between the two. Community colleges are also great places for careers in technology, job skills and industrial careers."

The students and the children in the child care program are what she has liked most about East Central. "All three caregivers at the child care center are former students of mine and six times since I've been here I've been selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers. To me this is the highest honor one can receive because in order to get selected a student has to nominate you."

Wright plans to spend the first part of her retirement visiting the Memphis area with her grandchildren. "My daughter, Christye, is starting to nurse anesthetist school and needs help with her four- and five-year-old children. My other four grandchildren are also in the Memphis area. I also plan to spend time with my 90-year-old mother."

She added, "I would love to retire to Hawaii for a while. I'll just have to wait and see where God leads me."

Wright has three children. Richie and his wife Donna live in Hernando and have two children, Brayden, 9, and Alex, 2. Missy and her husband, Greg, live in Germantown, Tenn., and have two children, Lauren, 9, and Gregory, 8. Christye and her husband, Scott, live in Lakeland, Tenn., and have two children, Garrett, 5, and Sophie, 4.

Wright is a graduate of Houston High School and received her bachelor's degree at the University of Mississippi. She has also completed additional hours at the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University.

# McRae Retiring After 'Making Learning Fun'

After striving to "make learning fun" during 25 years of service teaching students on the secondary and post-secondary levels, Gloria McRae of Carthage has retired as math instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur.

McRae, who has spent the past 15 years in the ECCC classroom, said she has "mixed feelings" about leaving her chosen profession.

"I am excited that I will be able to visit (and help out!) with my four precious granddaughters and have more time to, hopefully, straighten out my house," McRae stated. "But I also am a little sad to be leaving all of my friends at EC. I will miss EC and the EC family."

GLORIA MCRAE

McRae, an ECCC alumna and Forest High School graduate, said returning to her alma mater as instructor has been a "wonderful experience."

"EC holds a special place in my heart," she said. "As a student, I had a wonderful time…I learned a lot and also made friendships that continue to this day. As president of the ECCC Alumni Association in the '80's, I enjoyed getting back in touch with the College and seeing how much everything had changed."

McRae recalled when she was a student at EC in the '60's, "Newton Hall was an old wooden building and the current library and fine arts center were only a dream!"

"As a faculty member," she continued, "I have really enjoyed teaching and getting to know the students. Many of my former Calculus students have stayed in touch and I have appreciated them sharing their successes."

McRae, whose classes include Beginning Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Real Number System, Problem Solving with Real Numbers, Trigonometry, Calculus I, II and III, said she had to make adjustments to her teaching methods basically due to changes in technology.

"If you, as a teacher, do not change teaching methods over the years, you become quickly outdated," she said. "When I finished my undergraduate degree, hand-held calculators did not even exist. Now, I daily use a graphing calculator that has more memory than my first computer! Graphing calculators have made math easier since it allows students to actually see the mathematics through graphs."

She further stated, "Technology has opened up new worlds in mathematics. With the use of the graphing calculator, students can actually see how changing a function changes a graph. It is much easier for students to graph without the calculator after seeing this. We are also now using a math computer lab. This allows students to practice in the lab or at home and have instantaneous feedback."

One aspect of teaching that did not change for McRae is her method of helping students as they learn the subject matter.

"I think the most effective way to reach students is to make learning fun – or at least interesting," said the veteran instructor.

"In class, I use analogies to help students relate to a certain type of problem or the steps used to work that problem. Our small class size really helps because I can 'keep tabs' on how students are doing in class."

Regarding improvements in the classroom, McRae said, "I would love to see all the math classrooms used as computer labs, so faculty could utilize computer-aided instruction with their classes whenever needed."

In addition to her teaching duties, McRae has helped score the high school AP Calculus Test. Approximately 800 high school college and university Calculus teachers from around the world are represented each year in this project.

She has also assisted in presenting Algebra workshops sponsored by the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics. In addition, she has helped sponsor the annual ECCC District Math Contest held on the Decatur campus.

McRae began her career teaching junior high math after getting a degree in music education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She later qualified for an emergency certificate and began teaching math at Carthage Junior High School "which really changed my career." She later received a master's degree in math from Mississippi State University and completed additional studies from MSU.

She credits her decision in choose a career in education to the late Dr. Shelby Harris, longtime ECCC math instructor.

"Dr. Harris was my trigonometry teacher at East Central and was the biggest influence on my decision to be a teacher," she said. "He was always available to help students and really loved the math he was teaching?

In addition to helping "spoil" her granddaughters and catching up on housework, McRae said she plans to spend her retirement years "catching up on my reading and continuing in mathematics by presenting workshops for teachers – but not necessarily in that order!"

Her hobbies include sewing and cross-stitching, "so I am hoping I will have time to do those again, too!

She is married to James McRae and they have three grown children. Kristen is married to Josh Fowler. They have two daughters, Kaitlyn, eight and Sarah, three, and reside in Jackson. Karen is married to Matt Frazer. They also have two daughters, Kennedy, three and infant Elizabeth, and reside in Little Rock, Ark. Craig resides in Valparaiso, Fla.



# Rewards, Retirement for Johnson

Becoming a teacher was not something Joe Johnson, East Central Community College's Academic Instructor of the Year for 2008-2009, intended to happen.

"Almost everyone in my family taught school," said Johnson, "and during high school I decided I would NEVER do that for a living! But, when I started looking for a job after graduate school, the only jobs out there were teaching jobs.

"I took a teaching job with the idea that it would just be temporary, and over 30 years later here I am getting ready to retire. Remember the movie Mr. Holland's Opus (the story of a composer who takes a 'temporary' job as a music teacher)? It did not take me long to see that teaching really is a rewarding profession after I saw so many of my students taking a liking to biology."

JOE JOHNSON

Johnson began his career at East Central in 1990 as an adjunct instructor and took a full time position in 2001. Upon his retirement he was serving as Chairman of the Science Division and taught general biology and zoology.

In regard to his selection as Instructor of the Year, Johnson said, "What an honor! There are so many great instructors here at EC that I was surprised when Dr. (Phil) Sutphin called to let me know about the decision. I just hope that my instruction is that good."

Among Johnson's career influences are Ruth Ethridge, who was his senior Literature teacher at West Lauderdale High School, and Dr. J. William Cliburn, one of his favorite instructors at the University of Southern Mississippi.

"Mrs. Ethridge and her husband traveled extensively and she told stories in class that made me feel like I had actually been to those places. I believe that is why I tell so many stories in class-and why I get so far behind! Dr. Cliburn kept us on field trips and taught so much field biology that I now love to get students outside learning to appreciate a world that so many people never see."

Johnson said he enjoys "getting to share his knowledge and enthusiasm for learning with the next generation." But is he ever discouraged?

"Only about 15 times a day!" he said. "So many students do not seem to realize what an opportunity that they have in getting to go to college. So many students just want to 'get by' and don't seem to think that learning is exciting. But, I really get encouraged when just one student seems to get excited about learning."

For those considering a career in education, Johnson said, "If you like young people and you are enthusiastic about learning then go for it! If not, you might not be happy with education. With the changing economic times teaching has become an attractive job with competitive salaries and great retirement. I am firmly convinced that teaching, even with its daily stresses, keeps you young inside!

He has been honored many times as an instructor including being named STAR Teacher on four occasions, Tandy Teacher twice, Favorite Teacher at Northwest Junior High School four years in a row and Teacher of the Year two times.

"Being chosen several times by both students and faculty for teaching awards really means a lot. It's nice to see that you are appreciated."

Johnson said other highlights of his career have been "all the many nice cards, letters, and comments from former students who said that it was me who inspired them to go into science or medicine. Being the sponsor for The East Central Environmental Club has been one of the most fun things I have ever done."

Johnson and his wife, Robin, live in the Suqualena community of Lauderdale County where he is a member of the Suqualena Community Development Club and is a former Man of the Year for Lauderdale County. He attends First Christian Church, where he serves as Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Congregation.

His professional affiliations include membership in the National Association of Biology Teachers, Association of Southeastern Biologists, Mississippi Science Teachers Association and Mississippi Association of Biology Teachers.

He said, "I am retiring this year with mixed emotions. I am really looking forward to having the time to do the things that I do not have the time to do while working full time. But, I want the science instructors, all other instructors, and the administration at EC to know that they have made the last several years wonderful. What a great place to work; it is like a big family and I will miss it."

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# *Pilgrim Always Knew She Wanted to Teach*

"As long as I can remember I knew that I was destined to teach. Even as a young child I would read to my dolls and conduct classroom lessons on a chalkboard," said Kristie Pilgrim, East Central Community College's Career-Technical Instructor of the Year for 2008-2009.

KRISTIE PILGRIM

Pilgrim is currently in her ninth year as an instructor in the College's Surgical Technology program. During the first semester of each year she teaches Surgical Anatomy and Principles of Surgical Techniques. During the second and third semesters, she team-teaches with instructor and program director LeAnn Shirley courses in Basic and Related Surgical Procedures, Specialized Surgical Procedures and Advanced Surgical Procedures.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, she was employed in the Labor and Delivery and Surgery Departments at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian. She has also held positions at Rush Medical Group and Southern Healthcare Agency at University of Mississippi Medical Center.

How did she feel upon hearing of her selection?

"I am extremely humbled and gracious," she said. "I know that I would not be where I am today without good mentors."

Pilgrim says her career influences began in high school with several of the instructors that she now has the privilege of calling co-workers.

"Various deans and directors along the way have positively influenced my teaching. I think the best advice I ever received was 'remember to teach the student and not just the curriculum.' I still believe in this to this day because each student is different when it comes to learning. I always try new and different methods because of this. I believe you have to make learning fun for the students so that you grasp their attention.

"Also, working with skilled doctors and surgical technicians have impacted my skills and therefore help me to be able to share these techniques with my students."

A highlight of Pilgrim's career was when she worked at University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

"I had the privilege of working with a Pediatric General Surgeon that had performed several operations on me as a child," she said. "One day after we had completed a surgery, he looked at me and said, 'Well, I guess we have come full circle now.' I just smiled and said, 'Yes, we have!'"

Pilgrim added that she would not be where she is today without her colleague and best friend LeAnn Shirley.

"She has always been there to answer questions, show me direction and offer wonderful advice these past eight years. I cannot begin to describe how much I have learned from her and her mentorship. I am blessed to be able to work with someone who shares my values and teaching techniques and encourages me daily.

"I honestly feel that is why our program is so successful. I believe the students benefit because we are very similar in lecture, content delivery, demonstrating skills and because we get along so well both in and out of the classroom. "

Pilgrim said teaching is very rewarding and that the best part is being able to share her knowledge and love of Surgical Technology with students in a way that they may become successful individuals in the healthcare field.

"It brings me great satisfaction to know I have the capability to help someone attain and accomplish a career in the healthcare field. It is fulfilling to observe a student's face as they learn and master a new skill or task that I have taught them and even more fulfilling to see a student go into the field and be very successful."

One such rewarding experience is that of a 50 year-old student who was the first person in her family to graduate with a college degree.

"Even though it was a challenging year for her," said Pilgrim, "I will always remember the excitement she and her family expressed, and the smiles on their faces as she received her pin in the pinning ceremony that year!"

Pilgrim said she is discouraged when she thinks about the constant budget cuts that are being made to the community colleges. "I think education at any level is very important. Because I teach a career-technical field, I see these cuts impacting our workforce because perhaps we will eventually not have enough money to buy all of the learning materials we need to train students."

Pilgrim has been selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers and has been a member of the Association of Surgical Technologists for eight years.

She has participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for two years and is a member of the choir at Neshoba Baptist Church in Union.

She and her husband, Todd, are the parents of two-and-a-half-year-old twins, Macie Caraline and Mason Thomas. The family resides in Union.

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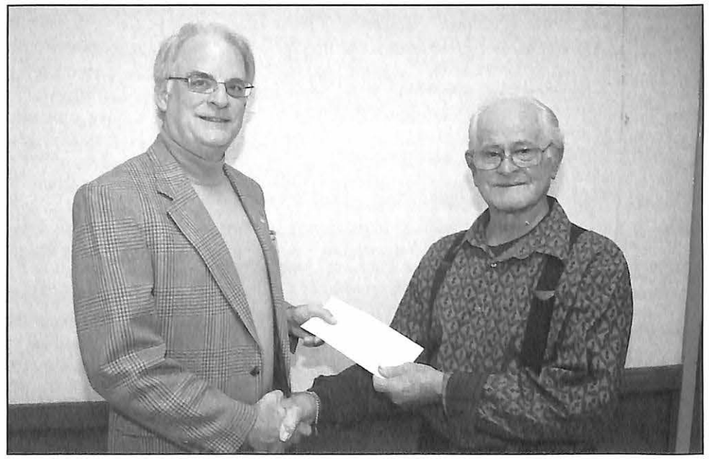
## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION HONORS STAFF MEMBERS

A resolution praising East Central Community College staff members Joseph Knight (second from left) of Union and Chris Clark (third from left) of Decatur was recently adopted by the Mississippi Legislature and presented by State Senators Giles Ward (left) of Louisville and Terry C. Burton (right) of Newton during the College's end-of-the-year luncheon held May 14, 2009, on the Decatur campus. Knight and Clark were recognized "for their selfless and heroic life-saving efforts" following an automobile accident on Aug. 15, 2008, at the Sturgis intersection approximately eight miles north of Louisville. An EC van carrying Knight, Clark and fellow Workforce Development staff members Joe Barrett, Tina Harris and Kimberly Mott, all of Decatur; Lucretia Williams of Lena; Joey Kenna of Forest; and Roger Whitlock of Union, was struck by another vehicle, resulting in serious injuries for most of the passengers. The passenger in the other vehicle was not seriously injured. Knight and Clark, although injured themselves, managed to provide assistance to those in greatest need. Knight was especially praised for assisting Kenna, which included placing a tourniquet on his severely damaged left arm and keeping him comfortable and alert as possible until emergency care arrived. Clark called 911 and provided assistance – including first aid - to Harris and Whitlock. Kenna and Williams have endured the most surgeries following the accident and are still recuperating. Others are also coping with injuries from the accident. After the resolutions were presented, ECCC staff members responded with a standing ovation.

## Foreman Retires at ECCC



Alton Foreman (right) recently retired following 27 ½ years of service in the maintenance department at East Central Community College in Decatur. Foreman, a groundskeeper whose duties also included driving buses for the College's athletic teams, began his employment in 1981. The Little Rock resident is shown receiving a check from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin during a retirement reception held January 23, 2009 in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Funds were provided through contributions from College personnel.

# *ECCC Increasing Efforts in Dropout Recovery*

Jimmy Dempsey is on a mission.

His goal: To convince high school dropouts – of all ages - that their lives will greatly improve if they will get a GED (General Educational Development) diploma.

Dempsey, a retired educator and Louisville native, was selected earlier this year by East Central Community College in Decatur to help expand the College's Dropout Recovery efforts, an initiative supported and funded by the Mississippi Legislature in 2008.

According to the latest statistics, about 20 percent of Mississippi's adult population 25 years of age or older do not have a high school diploma, meaning approximately 400,000 people in this state have very limited prospects to earn a decent living.

Dempsey's focus is more local in nature - his "targets" include residents in the College's support district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. The percentage of adults 25 years of age or older in EC's district that do not have a high school diploma or GED is reported at 33.5 percent. The percentage of high school dropouts annually in the district stands at 30.5 percent.

"I love helping people get their GED....it's a passion," Dempsey said. "I started giving the GED on July 1, 1990, and continued through June 30, 2006, when I retired."

But anyone who knows Jimmy Dempsey – and that includes numerous individuals during his almost 35-year career in education and nearly 10 years in business and industry- cannot imagine him spending his retirement years on the couch.

"I don't play golf... I don't hunt or fish....but I do like to collect menus, matchbooks and ballpoint pens, and travel up and down the road," Dempsey laughed when mentioning his "retirement schedule," which followed his most recent service as East Central's GED examiner from 2002-06 and career-technical counselor from 1990 to 2002.

"So when this part-time position came up, I knew it was something I wanted to do," he said. "Education is a very important topic to me. My father did not finish high school but my mother did graduate. In fact, I shared my mother's 1929 high school diploma from Louisville with a group I recently spoke to. Not having a high school diploma is something a lot of people are a little reluctant to admit, especially the older they get as was the case with my father."

Dempsey, who has administered the GED exam to approximately 8,500 students over the past 17 years, recalls one such individual who did not let age get in the way of her receiving an education.

"I remember giving the GED test in November 1993 to a wonderful elderly lady who got her score back on December 6 and a day later she turned 75 years old," Dempsey said of his most prized pupil, Mrs. Lorene Graham of Conehatta.

After receiving her GED, Graham enrolled at East Central where she was a Phi Theta Kappa scholar and graduated with honors at age 77. She continued her association with the College by serving as an instructor for the Adult Basic Education/GED program. She retired after seven years of service and observed her 90th birthday last fall.

"Mrs. Graham is a prime example that age is not factor in

*Jimmy Dempsey reviews a list of prospective GED students. Dempsey, a retired educator, is assisting East Central Community College with its Dropout Recovery efforts.*

someone getting a GED diploma," Dempsey stated. "You just need a desire to better yourself by getting an education."

Helping others receive their GED reflects Dempsey's attitude toward the underdog, a role he has played in his own career.

Dempsey recalled losing his industry job due to company layoffs. He had left his coaching career for a better opportunity. He vividly remembers that fateful day when he became unemployed.

"I went in for a cup of coffee on Good Friday and came away without a job," he said. "The boss told me he was glad I had taken a real estate course and kept my teacher's license, because I would have less trouble finding a job than some of the others who were laid off. All I could do was laugh...."

Dempsey relates losing his job to those who are going through the same situation.

"When local plants and factories shut down or make massive layoffs, I know how people feel when all of sudden they don't have a job, and we're looking at a lot of that right now," Dempsey stated, referring to the approximately 1,500 people who have recently lost jobs in the College's five-county district.

"I've always been for the working man," Dempsey said, "and we want to help these people as much as possible, whether it's through our GED program or other classes offered by the College."

Dempsey said he is making progress in contacting prospective students throughout the district. He also provides information on the College's GED classes, held free of charge at various locations. He frequently visits the classes to check on students' progress and offer assistance.

Classes on the Decatur campus are held in Ethridge Hall, Room 10, from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

In Scott County, classes are offered from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Forest/Scott County Career and

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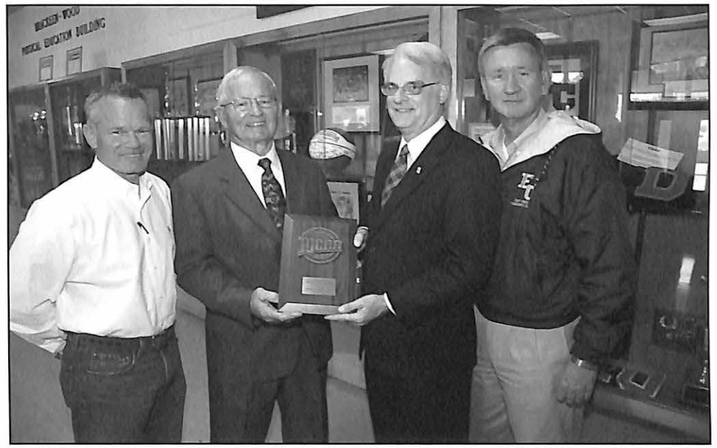
# Kilpatrick Presents NJCAA Plaque to ECCC



Former East Central Community College head football coach A. J. Kilpatrick (second from left) is shown presenting one of the plaques he received for being named to the 2008 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Football Hall of Fame to College officials during a recent ceremony on the Decatur campus. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin is shown receiving the plaque from the Hall of Fame coach while Athletic Director Chris Harris (right) and former ECCC head football coach Steve Cheatham look on. Kilpatrick's prestigious award will be permanently displayed with other sports memorabilia in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Kilpatrick, who resides in Grenada with his wife, Versie, was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame during the 2008 homecoming activities. The 1952 ECCC graduate is also a member of the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame and has received numerous other honors in recognition of his 38-year coaching career. He served 36 years as a head coach on the community/junior college and high school levels, amassing a 238-138-12 record. A Philadelphia native, Kilpatrick led the Warrior football program from the fall of 1982 to the spring of 1992 and served as athletic coordinator. His 1987 squad qualified for the state playoffs and finished 7-4. Prior to taking over the ECCC football program, Kilpatrick led Holmes Community College to the 1981 state championship.

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Technology Center.

Classes in Leake County are held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Leake County Vocational Center in Carthage.

In Neshoba County, classes are held at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Career-Technical Center from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

Classes in Winston County are provided from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday at Louisville Methodist Church, and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Taylor Machine Works.

Orientation for GED testing in Decatur is held at 1 p.m. each Wednesday in Ethridge Hall. A fee of $40 is required to take the GED exam, unless the student is enrolled in the GED program and has received a minimum 12 hours of instruction.

When students complete the program, they are encouraged to participate in the annual GED Commencement held each summer.

For Dempsey, listening to GED graduates provide their testimonials during the program and watching graduates from 17 to 77 receive their diplomas makes it all worthwhile.

"To me, it's the greatest graduation," said Dempsey. "I love to hear that 59-year-old graduate – while fighting back tears - talk about how she overcame a lot of personal obstacles to finally get her high school equivalency diploma....or the 25-year-old graduate who had dropped out of high school because he thought he knew it all....or the 75-year-old graduate – Mrs. Graham – who proudly walked across the stage to get her diploma and two years later received her degree at East Central....and then helped others receive their diplomas by becoming a GED instructor!"

It's testimonials like those mentioned above that motivates Jimmy Dempsey to motivate others to receive an education and become successful in life.

"That's what it's all about," said Dempsey. "It's my passion and the passion of all our GED instructors throughout the district. Education is the key to success, and we are here to help provide that opportunity."

For more information contact the ECCC Office of Adult and Continuing Education, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 278 or 279. The e-mail address is gdavis@eccc.edu.

# *Scholarships Presented to 120 ECCC Students at Annual AT&T Luncheon*

Paying for college became less expensive for 120 East Central Community College students as a result of the AT&T Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held earlier this summer on the Decatur campus.

The annual event recognizes donors and recipients of the various scholarships, which this year resulted in 93 scholarships being presented totaling approximately $70,000, according to event coordinator Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

"We once again want to thank our many donors whose generosity and support for East Central Community College make this event possible," said Hollingsworth. "I know the scholarship recipients are also very appreciative of the financial support they receive to continue their education."

One of the scholarship donors is Dr. Harold Aycock, a Jasper County native and 1964 ECCC graduate who resides in Greenfield, Calif., where he works with Kraft Foods. Dr. Aycock has spent his professional career in both the public and private sectors as a research scientist working in the area of corn breeding and genetics. In his current position, the former Virginia Tech faculty member has the task of "genetically improving proprietary corn hybrids whose grain is used to make the toasted snack product marketed as "CornNuts."

Dr. Aycock attends the scholarship luncheon each year and provides scholarships to assist students with their college expenses. Each scholarship pays tribute to various individuals who were positive influences in his life and include the late James E. Land of Union, who was Aycock's high school vocational agriculture teacher and FFA adviser; Richard Harris, Aycock's basketball coach at Hickory High School; and the late Rev. John Lambert Neill, who served as director of the College's Wesley Foundation when Aycock was a student at East Central.

"With Mr. Land's assistance and support, I was able to serve two years as a state FFA officer and earn trips to several national meetings," Dr. Aycock said.

"The first trip to St. Paul, Minn., was actually the first time I traveled outside Mississippi. That trip and conference really broaden my view of the world and motivated me to work to achieve more. It was also while I was a student at Hickory that Mr. Land acquired his first camera and began what would be his many years of being a generous and avid photographer dedicated to helping others capture the memories of their special occasions, including those of many students at East Central. I especially regret that I was not able to establish and endow the scholarship prior to his death."

Before he became a successful coach, Harris was an outstanding basketball player at Hickory High School, ECCC and Delta State University. He taught and coached boys and girls basketball teams at several Newton County schools for more than 40 years. His teams won five state championships and he is a member of both the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame and Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame.

"It was my privilege to have Coach Harris as my coach at Hickory for two years," Aycock said. "His coaching philosophy

*Dr. Harold Aycock (left) visits with his former high school coach, Richard Harris, during the annual AT&T Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held earlier this summer on the East Central Community College campus. Dr. Aycock, a 1964 ECCC graduate residing in California, has established scholarships honoring Coach Harris and several others who played important roles in his life.*

emphasized that players master the game's basic fundamental skills and strategies, play hard with court awareness as a team, and show respect for the game, opponents and themselves. Adapting that philosophy to both my personal, academic and professional life has helped me to be reasonably successful in dealing with daily problems as well as to recognize and take advantage of opportunities over the years. I have particularly enjoyed the opportunity during the last few years to spend time with Coach Harris and his wife Mary Jo, at the scholarship luncheons and reconnect with them more than 40 years later."

Dr. Neill served as ECCC's Wesley Foundation director from 1954-69. Dr. Aycock said he wanted to recognize Dr. Neill for his 15 years of dedicated service, including the two years while he was a student.

"Wesley Foundation was an integral part of my college experience at ECCC," said Dr. Aycock. "At 80-plus years of age, Dr. Neill was tireless in his ministry and always available to assist current and former students with personal issues as well as help open doors of opportunity for continued personal, educational and career development."

Aycock said the reason he provides the scholarship is simple: he wants to help others achieve a college education while also honoring individuals who provided positive support for others to succeed.

"The scholarship stipends help students start and continue their education at East Central. The years at ECCC can be the foundation for a lifetime of professional and personal achievement," he said. "While a scholarship stipend of $500 may not be

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large in term of dollars, it can make a difference at ECCC where the cost per year is much less than at the four-year colleges and universities."

He continued, "Endowed scholarships are a good way to continuously honor the lifetime efforts and achievements of individuals who shared their knowledge and provided important positive support not only to my education and personal development but to countless others as well."

Dr. Aycock also proposed and helped fund a scholarship endowed by his ECCC classmates. He said Jerald Everett, his classmate at Hickory, ECCC and later Mississippi State University, spearheaded the fundraising effort.

"I take some pride that our class was the first to endow a scholarship," Dr. Aycock said, "and I would like to remind classmates that while we raised the minimum $10,000 to endow the scholarship and award the scholarship, additional donations to the scholarship would increase the dollar amount of the award each year."

Regarding his own financial situation when he attended East Central, Dr. Aycock said he was not awarded any scholarships and had to pay more to attend the College since he lived out of district.

"Because I was a resident of Jasper County," he explained, "I actually paid more in tuition and fees than students from the five-county area. I did receive several scholarships as an undergraduate at MSU, and I always had either Graduate Research or Teaching Assistantships while studying for my M.S. and PhD graduate degrees in plant breeding and genetics at MSU and Purdue University."

Dr. Aycock, who grew up on crop, timber and livestock farms in the Hero and Fellowship communities, was the youngest of four children. His sisters, Frances and Jo Ann, both attended ECCC.

He said attending this year's scholarship luncheon was especially meaningful, due to one of the scholarship recipients.

"I learned that this year's Harris and last year's Land Scholarship recipient, Abby McMillan, is the great-great granddaughter of a nearby neighboring family in whose farm pond my father and I would often fish when I was growing up," he said. "Her family now owns the farm!"

Scholarships presented, recipients and their respective high schools include the following:

ATCO Loan, Thomassina Lindsey, South Leake; AT&T, Justin Wilson, Newton County; Bank of Forest, Jennifer Moore, Forest; Bank of Morton, Hannah Vinson, Morton; TT Beemon, Summer Alexander, Newton County; Clayton Blount, Shelby Smith, Union; Pleas and Amanda Breazeale Blount, Anna Alexander, home-schooled student from Little Rock; ECCC Board of Trustees, Heather Kahn, Carthage Christian Academy; Dr. Austin P. Boggan, Spencer Cash, Lake; Iris Boggan, Kimberly Blackwell, Nanih Waiya; Earnest Harrison Boswell, Hailey Moody, Nanih Waiya; Denver Brackeen, Jessie Jayroe, Neshoba Central; Ann Burkes PTK, Dominique McKee, Newton; Landon Bryan Burt Memorial, Anna Fulton, Nanih Waiya, and Brian Felton, Newton County; Mable Moore Carr Educational, Brittany Harrison, Forest; Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, Josh Sessums, Philadelphia; ECCC Classes of 1957-58-59, Hannah Watkins, Sebastopol; ECCC Class of 1964, Tabatha Adcock, Neshoba Central; Kenny Coleman General EMS, Danniel Haggard, Neshoba Central; Cox and Powers Insurance, Luke Brown, Carthage; Fred and Maudie Dallas Memorial, Brandy Talbert, Neshoba Central; Aaron Ron Davis Memorial, Jordan Gunn, Lake;

Tony Dobbs Memorial Golf, Matt Tingle, Neshoba Central; EC Scholars, Garrett Moore, Union, and Cameron Wilcher, Leake Academy; Entergy Mississippi, Inc. Excellence in Education Scholarship for Vocational and Technical Education, Kristen Sistrunk, Union; R. G. Fick, Brandon Hughes, Newton County; Gilmore, Ethan Lewis, Newton County Academy; Sue Gunter Memorial, Chelsey Thomas, Forest; R.O. and Bertha Hannah, Andy Gibbs, Scott Central; Nancy Hiett Harris, Sarah Eakes, Newton County; Richard Harris, Abby McMillan, Newton County Academy; Shelby Harris, Conner Herrington, Leake Academy; Harrison Memorial, Summer Alexander, Jessie Harrison and Courtney Lanier, all of Newton County; Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood, Laura Gunn, Lake; Jeff and Kathy Hitt, Cody Harrell, Forest; Hogue-Brantley, Tracy Alexander, Lake; Albert and Fannie Hollingsworth, Karley Mitchell, Lake; Hudspeth, Diawanikee Triplett, Louisville;

Martha Kate Tullos Hummel, Lance Goodin, Nanih Waiya; Myrtle R. Hutchison, Emily Pace, Newton County; S. Lebrun Hutchison, Aaron Snell, Lake; Johnson Family Engineering, Hayden Weaver, Newton County; Johnson-Taylor Memorial, Emily Pace, Newton County; Ronnie and Michelle Jones, Tyler Woods, Neshoba Central; Leon Eubanks KALJYC-PEERS, Edgar Alvarez, Forest; James E. Land Memorial, Tiffany Herrington, Newton County; Landbank South, Nicole Waldrip, Scott Central; Landbank of MS/Farm Credit Bank of Texas, Joel McKee, Neshoba Central; Andrew Wilson Lathem, Cole Harris, Newton County; Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood, Jaqlene Robinson, Noxapater; William Wade Long, Lauren Nicholas, Neshoba Central; Edwin and Marie Lowe, Vickie Collins, St. Aloysius; Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial, Lindsey Bishop, Sebastopol;

Russell McCann Memorial, Kalvin Smith, Newton County; Mississippi Association of Supervisors, Nicole Breedlove and Tyler Comans, both of Sebastopol; Brittany Brown and Hailey Wilkinson, both of Newton County; Laurel Burnett, Paige Richardson and Austin Sellers, all of Neshoba Central; Kiswana Burnside, Lake; Jerilyn Crosby, Scott Central; Fred Hampton and Meredith Jones, both of Nanih Waiya; Kevin Harris, Newton; Kim Patterson, Morton; Chance Sistrunk, Leake Academy; and Tyler Wright, Winston Academy; Mississippi Automotive Manufacturer's Association, Zach Darby, Nanih Waiya and Kevin Lewis, Enterprise; Mississippi Philanthropic Education Organization, Anna Alexander, home-schooled student from Little Rock;

Dr. Margaret Mosal Memorial, Bailey Brown, East Rankin Academy; Ben Myers Memorial, Robyn Fanning, Philadelphia and Walton Stinson, Neshoba Central; The Rev. John Lambert Neill, Meaghan Mayes, Sebastopol; Newton Rotary, Richie Ferguson and Brittany Parker, both of Newton County; Polk and

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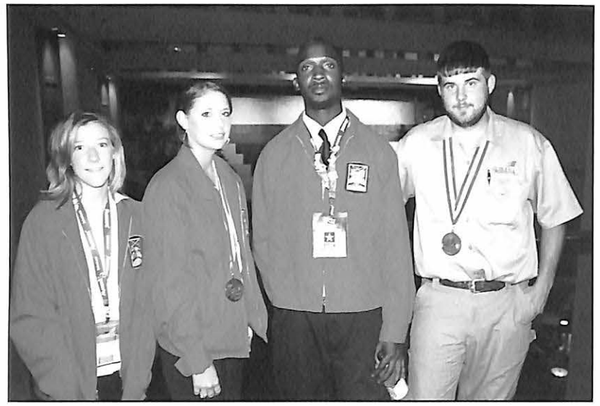

## *Students Win National SkillsUSA Medals*

These career-technical students at East Central Community College received medals at the 2009 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference held during June in Kansas City, Mo. Award winners included (from left) Courtney Craven of Louisville, Holly Tanner of Ethel and Jermaine Glass of Louisville, who placed third in the Occupational Safety and Health competition; and Patrick Griffin of Union, who also placed third in Major Appliance Repair. Also receiving honors but not pictured are Brooke Barrett and Melissa Kleinschmidt, both of Union, Magan Lancaster of Decatur, Mecklin Soules of Heidelberg, Kandance Smith of Collinsville, Takeila Stephens of Meridian and Kimberly Wareing of Forest, who placed fourth in the Opening and Closing Team competition; Marsha Reed of Philadelphia and Jessica Smith of Forest, fourth-place winners in Promotional Bulletin Board; Josh Steele of Newton, 10th, CNC Turning; and Jonathan Chapman of Newton, who finished 22nd in Collision Repair. ECCC tied with Meridian Community College for most medalists from Mississippi.

## Collegian Alumni Invited to 'Cruise With the Collegians'

The Collegians, East Central Community College's rock-n-roll band, will be taking their annual performance tour this May with a cruise to Mexico aboard the Carnival Fantasy, announced director Thomas W. Carson. The boat will depart from Mobile on May 27 and return on May 31.

"After several years of requests to put together a "reunion trip" for former Collegian members," Carson said, "We are going to combine this performance trip with an invitation for former Collegians to join this year's group on their annual summer tour.

"With 27 years' worth of former members scattered all over, this will be a wonderful opportunity for our present group to interact with former Collegian members, as well as allow our former members to reminisce about past groups and also support the current Collegians as they represent ECCC to an international audience during their ship board performance."

He added, "The 'early word of mouth' buzz has already created a great interest in this very exciting idea, so it should be a blast!"

Any former Collegian members that were under Tom Carson's direction should contact him for more specific details. He may be reached at 601-635-6228 or tcarson@eccc.edu.

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Jennie Pace, Marissa Gordy, East Rankin Academy; Charles and Bonnie Saxon Phillips, Samantha Holdiness, Nanih Waiya; Shirley Renaud Memorial, Quent Odom, Scott Central; Regina Gail Gibbs Rigby Memorial, Jennifer Moore, Forest; Sam Rush Memorial, Meredith McKee, Neshoba Central; Charles W. Sanders Memorial, Andrew Evans, Forest; Elva Smith Sigrest Memorial, Rachel Ramirez, Forest; Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith, Krissy Holmes, Newton County Academy; Taylor Advanced Machining and Advanced Welding, Andy Coleman of Louisville and Eric Jones of Neshoba Central (welding), and Bo Jack Vanlandingham of Noxapater (machining); Larry Therrell Memorial, Payton Pierce, Leake Academy;

Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas, Courtney Townsend, Philadelphia; Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric, Virginia Holyfield, Newton County; U.S. Electrical Motors, Chasidy Kelly, Carthage; James M. Vance, Ariel Dogget, Edinburg; Ovid S. and Carol Vickers, Courtney Lanier, Newton County; Arno and Ruth Carr Vincent, Ashley Walker, Union; Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial, Taylor Upchurch, Neshoba Central; Charles E. Ward, Luke Brown, Carthage; Warrior Golf Classic/Alumni Association, Sarah Breland, Neshoba Central and Marty Kirk, Winston Academy; Weems Family, Jamie Truhett, Union; Jack and Mary Jo White, John Blount, Neshoba Central; J.C. White, Brittany Granberry, Raleigh; Bob Wilkerson Memorial Vo-Tech, Cody Taylor, Lake; Wilkes-Palmer, Katie Woodruff, Louisville; Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm, Sami Elkins, Forest; General William Patrick Wilson Memorial, Jordan Gunn, Lake; and Lucille Wood, Hannah Lee, Leake Academy.

For more information on the AT&T Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon, contact Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.



## *Mother Accepts Deceased Daughter's GED Diploma*

Family members of the late Dasmine Shepard of Forest were in attendance at the 2009 GED Graduation Ceremony at East Central Community College in Decatur to accept the teenager's diploma. Shepard was 17 years old when she was killed in an automobile accident a month prior to the July 23 program. She was a former student at Lake High School and planned to major in sociology at ECCC. Her mother, Ruby Moore, is shown in the top photo receiving her daughter's diploma from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. In the bottom photo, Ms. Moore displays Jasmine's diploma while surrounded by family members (from left) Kathleen Moore, Latausha Shepard, Shaquita Shepard, shown holding JaDamion Shepard. In front is young Virnya Shepard. Approximately 75 students received GED diplomas at the annual event.

## *ECCC Students Winning National PBL Honors*

Participating and winning honors in the National Phi Beta Lambda Competition are the above students representing East Central Community College. Seated from left are Theta Chi members Lachelle Moss of Decatur, fourth place, Community Service Project; Kim Amerson, also of Decatur, sixth place, Local Chapter Annual Business Report; Marlee Deweese of Philadelphia, fourth place, Small Business Plan; and Abby McMillin, Newton. Standing from left are chapter sponsors Kelly Cluff, computer network support technology instructor and Ruth Gregory, business technology instructor; Zack Gibbs, Forest; Rebecca Rogers of Chunky, third place, Free Enterprise Project; Morgan Deweese of Philadelphia, fourth place, Small Business Plan; Windie Poston of Philadelphia, fourth place, Community Service Project; and Evan Summers-Jones of Walnut Grove, eighth place, Website Development. McMillin participated in the Public Speaking competition and Gibbs competed in Computer Applications. The ECCC chapter captured more awards than any Mississippi Chapter and was recognized as one of only two Gold Seal Chapters in the state. The annual contest was held in Anaheim, Calif.

# *Thankful for Second Chance to Succeed*

## ECCC's GED Graduation Speakers

In January of this year, the only way of life known to Joan Bradshaw of Polkville went up in smoke, as the family poultry farm she operated for more than 30 years was destroyed by fire, leaving the widow of 14 years facing an uncertain future.

The 54-year-old Bradshaw, one of four GED graduates who gave testimonials at the recent graduation ceremony at East Central Community College in Decatur, told the packed crowd in Huff Auditorium that earning a GED diploma "has provided a second chance to fulfill my dreams…and I thank God every day that he opened the door for me to have that second chance."

She continued, "I'll never have to hang my head again when asked where I graduated from high school. I can now proudly say that I earned my diploma from ECCC's adult education program."

Bradshaw, who landed a job at a local post office after receiving her diploma, recalled during her remarks why she did not finish high school as a teenager.

"I married at a young age, and at the time I did not think it was important to finish school," she said. "I was in love and thought it was enough. But I realized later that I had lost a part of my life."

Despite being unable to complete school herself at a young age, Bradford said she encouraged her three children to set their sights higher.

"I encouraged my children (Debbie, Kim and Lee) to be the best they can be, whether it was being a teenager in school, a college student or wife and mother. And I am proud to say that all three of my children finished school," she stated with a big smile. "Debbie was a kindergarten teacher for 10 years; Lee has a very good job; and Kim is a third-semester student in East Central's associate degree nursing program."

Bradshaw noted that one of her daughters provided "the greatest compliment I have ever received," when she made the following remark: 'My mother has encouraged each of her children to reach for their dreams and work hard to fulfill them. But now she continues to teach us by going back to school and graduating at age 54! She proved that it is never too late to get an education.'"

Bradshaw said watching her children succeed in school helped provide encouragement for her to do the same, although she admitted being a little hesitant at first.

"Finishing school was something I always wanted to do in the back of my mind," she said. "But I was afraid I had waited too long. So, the fear of being too old and knowing things had changed so much since I was in school kept me from trying at first. But God gave me the strength to try and the patience to move forward and to take the past and bridge that broken part and mend it together."

Bradshaw continued by praising East Central Community College for providing an adult education program.

"Thank you EC for seeing the need for adult education…and for creating a place for everyone who wants a second chance to get a really good education," she said. "I also want to thank my teachers, Mrs. (Modean) Cross and Mrs. (Carmel) Carlisle for their encouragement, patience and the ability to teach. And thanks again to East Central Community College, for allowing me to fulfill my dreams."

*Providing testimonials at the 2009 ECCC Graduation Ceremony included (from left) Joyce Webster of Carthage, Makisha Johnson of Newton, Nitoka Hughes of Louisville and Joan Bradshaw of Polkville. They were among the 75 graduates who received their high school equivalency diplomas during the annual program held on the Decatur campus.*

Bradshaw is continuing her education by taking courses this fall at ECCC.

Also providing testimonials were Nitoka Hughes of Louisville, Makisha Johnson of Newton and Joyce Webster of Carthage.

Hughes, 28, said passing the GED took several attempts but it has been worth the effort.

After dropping out of Oakland (Calif.) Technical High School as a 17-year-old tenth grader, Hughes said she moved to Noxapater in 2000 and took the GED test the following year. She did not pass the exam and moved to Louisiana where she resumed taking classes. Hughes admitted missing too many classes to succeed and once again she was unable to pass the test. A few years later, she refocused her efforts and began to show improvement.

"At the end of 2006," she told the capacity crowd, "I took the test again and passed every part but the math…I was only four points from passing! I told my parents and the rest of my family that I was done with being disappointed about my scores. My uncle passed away in 2007 and I knew he wanted me to get my GED diploma. So I started taking classes in 2008 at First United Methodist Church in Louisville."

Hughes said she was finally focused on getting her diploma.

"I was persistent with going to class and studying," she said. My teachers and my family kept on encouraging me. I was not going to give up this time. In December 2008, my teachers told me I was ready to take the exam. I was in shock…and asked everybody to pray for me."

Hughes recalled her feelings when taking the exam on Dec. 19, 2008.

"I was super nervous," she admitted. "But on Jan. 6, 2009,

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I got my results. I was scared to open the envelope at first… but when I did, I started crying…I had passed! My hard work paid off. Now that I have my GED, I plan to pursue a degree in graphic communication or cosmetology."

Hughes concluded her remarks by providing encouragement to others who lack a high school education.

"The key is to never give up on your hopes and dreams," she said. "I challenge anyone who is in school to stay in school and not drop out. If you have dropped out of school, find a GED class, work hard and do not give up until you earn your diploma! If I can do it, you can, too. There are so many opportunities out there just waiting on us. It's up to us to grab hold of them…the sky's the limit! Remember to always believe in yourself!"

Hughes said her dream is to one day be on Broadway!

Johnson, 29, who actually received her GED diploma in 2006, said she was homeschooled as a child and first took the GED exam when she was 16. However, she was not pleased with the results.

"I failed the exam by one point," she stated. "I was hurt and felt ashamed, so I decided to get a job. But after working various jobs, I was still not satisfied; I always had a desire to do better."

So she decided to end her frustrations by enrolling in ECCC's GED program.

"Even though I was nervous," she admitted, "God guided me and my instructors, Mrs. (Mary) Burt, Mr. (Ed) McGowan and Mr. (Bryan) Burt believed in me and encouraged me. I soon passed the exam and I'm now living my dream by studying to be a nurse at East Central, where I have a 3.5 grade point average."

In addition to being a full-time student, Johnson is employed at Raytheon and also works part-time at Newton County Schools. She and her husband, Jerry, have a daughter, Kacie.

She concluded her testimonial with an inspiring message from author Charles Lewis:

"You can't be scared to set out to do something in life because you don't know the clear-cut path on how you are going to accomplish your goal or dream! Just take a step towards your belief daily – fearlessly, wholeheartedly, digging and dreaming within yourself, believing that as you push on through sacrifice, you will one day stand alone on top of a hill that you created that now encourages and inspires others to chase their dreams. And know that through tenacity and patience, anything can be achieved if you simply believe!"

During her remarks, Webster, 40, said earning her GED "is something I've wanted for a very long time, and I'm so very thankful and grateful for this opportunity. A year ago, no one could have told me I'd be standing here before you with my GED in hand. To some, this may not be such a big deal; but to me, it means so much more."

Webster's story is like many others – she dropped out of school at a young age and started a family. "But the idea and desire to get my GED never went away…I just did not know when I would have the time and opportunity to get started."

That "opportunity" presented itself when Webster and her family moved to Carthage in August 2000.

She began taking classes in 2001 at the Leake County Vocational Center and soon received the confidence needed to succeed.

"Mr. and Mrs. (Glynn) Edwards and Mrs. (Kelly) Schmidt were my instructors and were so nice and attentive and encouraged me by making comments like, 'It won't take much for you (to be successful).'"

Webster said her family also provided inspiration as she worked to achieve her degree.

"Being a mother of six, I've always put my children before myself and I would not change that. But I now know and understand that getting this (GED) is as much for them as it is for me," she said. "I hope that I've shown them that if you are determined and persistent, anything is possible."

Webster added getting her GED "is just the beginning for me. I'm now enrolled at ECCC preparing for a career in business administration or whatever I choose to do. I now know that I have a choice. The road ahead is long and it may not be easy, but it's definitely worth it."

In conclusion, Webster stressed that age is not a factor in achieving one's dream.

"Age is really just a number because here I am at the age of 40 with my GED to prove it," she said. "To those of you, or someone you know who is thinking about getting their GED but keep putting it off, my advice to all of you is wait no longer; the time is know, because it's never too late to get an education."

Guest speaker for the annual program was Eloise Richardson, ABE/GED state director.

Diplomas were awarded to the 75 graduates by ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Also participating in the program were Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction; Gene Davis, dean of adult and continuing education; Larry Harms, ABE/GED instructor; Jimmy Dempsey, ABE/GED transition specialist; Len Bobo, ECCC music instructor; and GED graduate Tim Pilgrim of Morton, special music.

## *Carthage Insurance Agency Establishes ECCC Scholarship*

Cox and Powers Insurance Agency in Carthage has established a scholarship at East Central Community College.

Company owners Aubry Cox and Jeff Powers, both ECCC alumni, said the scholarship will be awarded annually to freshman students who are graduates of Carthage High School and Leake Academy. Two scholarships will be presented for the fall semester, with each recipient receiving $250.

In addition to being a graduate of CHS or Leake Academy, scholarship recipients must also have participated in a varsity sport and enroll at ECCC as a full-time student in the fall following graduation.

Recipients of the Cox and Powers Insurance Scholarship will be selected by the guidance counselors at Carthage High School and Leake Academy.

# ECCC Welcomes New Staff Members

East Central Community College recently welcomed new faculty and staff members for the 2009-10 term. They include Brian Anderson, interim head football coach; Jason Armstrong, English instructor; Robin Fulton, mathematics instructor; Keith Houston, assistant football coach; Dr. Evadna Lyons, associate degree nursing instructor; Debra Payton, childcare center director/early childhood education instructor; Patrick Stokely, biology instructor; Shelley Thoms, cheerleader sponsor; and Samantha Uzzle, English instructor.

Anderson, 36, was named to the post less than a week following the resignation of Steve Cheatham, who stepped down due mainly to health reasons.

Brian Anderson

Cheatham, who led the Warrior program after one year and is a former assistant, underwent successful surgery for prostate cancer on June 22 but the longtime coach said he did not think he "could give East Central and the young men what is needed" going into the upcoming season.

Anderson, who served the past year as Cheatham's offensive coordinator and will continue in that role along with duties as head coach, said he is ready for the challenge, although he did not expect the head coaching position so soon.

Anderson is a former high school head football coach, leading Grenada to a 5-6 record in 2007 after successfully guiding Philadelphia to a 27-8 mark from 2004 through the 2006 seasons. His offenses were rated among the best in the state at both schools. He is also former assistant at Meridian, Philadelphia and Neshoba Central high schools.

He was the starting center at Mississippi State University on the 1992-95 squads, which participated in three bowl games. Anderson earned All-Southeastern Conference honors his junior and senior campaigns and made the All-SEC Academic Team for three seasons. In addition, he was presented the CommuniGroup Offensive Lineman of the Year award a record three times. He was selected for the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic, the East-West Shrine Game, Senior Bowl and the NFL Combine in 1996.

Anderson, who is also a former football standout at Prattville, Ala., High School, is married to the former LeaAnn Allen of Philadelphia. They have two sons, Brady and Eli.

Armstrong previously served since 2005 as adjunct professor of management at Mississippi State University-Meridian.

Jason Armstrong

He is also a former banker, having served with various institutions from 1999 to 2008. He most recently was employed with Citizens National Bank in Meridian, where he was a commercial relationship banker from 2005 to 2008. He is also a former commercial banker with Trustmark National Bank in Tupelo and served as portfolio manager and assistant bank manager at AmSouth Bank in Ridgeland.

A graduate of Havelock High School in North Carolina, Armstrong attended Mississippi State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a master's in business administration. He recently completed a second master's degree in Community College Education with major emphasis in English and English Literature.

He is the son of retired Marine Colonel Richard Armstrong and Charlotte Armstrong of Meridian.

Fulton previously served since 2000 as math instructor at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba. She is also a former math instructor at Central Academy in Macon and Nanih Waiya Attendance Center. In addition, she is a former adjunct instructor for ECCC.

Robin Fulton

While employed at EMCC, Fulton was selected HEADWAE Instructor of the Year and was chosen a Lamplighter. Both programs recognized excellence in teaching. She was also chosen a STAR Teacher at both Nanih Waiya and Central Academy.

A graduate of Winston Academy, Fulton received bachelor and master's degrees in mathematics education from Mississippi State University.

She is married to Buddy Fulton and they have two children, Blake and Anna.

They are members of Good Hope Baptist Church.

Houston, who coaches defensive backs, was a four-year letterman at Ole Miss, where he was a student-athlete from 2001-07 and helped lead the Rebels to the 2004 Cotton Bowl victory.

Keith Houston

He also served as a volunteer coach during the Rebels' summer football camps from 2001-07, primarily serving as defensive backfield and linebackers coach.

He is a 2007 graduate of Ole Miss, where he received bachelor degrees in criminal justice and African American Studies.

Houston is a former football standout at Philadelphia High School, where the four-year letterman earned First Team, State Class 2A honors and received best defensive player, best defensive back and coaches' awards. He was also selected team captain and participated in the MS/AL All-Star Game.

He also excelled in basketball and track.

He is the son of Geraldine Houston of Philadelphia.

Dr. Lyons previously served as an assistant professor of nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, a position she has held since 2006. She has served since 2002 as a nursing instructor at USM-Meridian.

She is also a former nursing instructor

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at Meridian Community College, where she taught associate degree nursing classes from 1992-2002 and was a practical nursing instructor from 1988-92. She is also a former director of the MCC Practical Nursing program.

Dr. Evadna Lyons

In addition, Dr. Lyons is a former nurse educator and staff nurse at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, serving from 1982-92.

She also served as a part-time staff nurse at Rush Hospital from 2003-07.

Dr. Lyons has received numerous honors throughout her career, including Teacher of the Year at MCC and the Faculty Mentor Award at USM in 2007. She was also selected a "Lamplighter" at MCC, an annual program recognizing the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors.

She is also credited with implementing the RN to BSN program at USM and was the Primary Investigator of the Nurse Education and Retention Grant at USM.

A graduate of Meridian High School and the Matty Hersee School of Nursing in Meridian, Dr. Lyons holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi, a master's degree in nursing from University Medical Center and a doctorate in educational leadership from Mississippi State University.

She is married to Donald Lyons and they have two sons. Jeffery Lyons, 21, is a Marine Embassy Guard, and Joshua Lyons, 11, is an honor roll student at Magnolia Middle School in Meridian.

Patrick Stokely

Stokley is a former substitute teacher at The Capitol School in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and previously served in a similar position at Heritage Academy in Columbus.

In addition, he is a former zoology and biology assistant at the University of West Alabama in Livingston.

A graduate of South Choctaw Academy in Toxey, Ala., Stokley continued his education at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, where he was a President's List scholar and a member of Phi Theta Kappa International and the Lions' baseball team. In addition, he served as sportswriter for the campus newspaper.

After receiving his Associate of Arts degree at EMCC, Stokley attended the University of Alabama, where he received a bachelor's degree in biology. He also served as varsity cheerleader and was selected one of 14 Collegiate All-Americans by *Inside Cheerleading Magazine*. He received a master's degree in teaching from the University of West Alabama.

Debra Payton

Payton previously served as manager for the Wonderful World Early Head Start Center in Walnut Grove, a position she held since 2001. In that position, she was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the preschool facility, which holds accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Her experience also includes service as a caregiver/teacher for Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc., in Carthage for 10 years.

She is a former member of the Leake County School Board, serving from 2002 to 2008. During this period, she received the Gold Bell Award from the Mississippi School Board Association for the highest number of hours in school board training for the year 2005.

She presently serves on the Oprah Winfrey Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors for Leake County. She is also a member of Team Leake, South Leake PTO and Booster Club and the Sweet Water Church of God in Christ.

Payton attended South Leake High School and graduated from Southridge High School in Indianapolis, Ind. She holds an associate's degree in childcare technology from Hinds Community College in Raymond and continued her education at Jackson State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in childcare and family education and a master's in education/early childhood education.

Thoms is a former cheerleader at ECCC and Mississippi State University and is a former staff member for the Universal Cheerleading Association.

Shelley Thoms

She also recently joined the faculty at Newton County High School, where she teaches computer applications and desktop publishing.

Thoms is a 2003 graduate of ECCC and received a bachelor's degree in secondary education with a concentration in technology teacher education from MSU in 2006.

She is married to Hank Thoms and they attend Decatur United Methodist Church.

They are expecting their first child in October.

Samantha Uzzle

Uzzle served since 2005 as an English instructor at Middle Georgia Technical College in Warner Robins, where she taught classroom and online courses. She also taught developmental courses, which will be one of her major teaching areas at East Central.

She is also a former English instructor at Opp (Ala.) High School, where she was employed from 1999-2005 and taught standard and advanced English.

In addition, Uzzle has experience in developing a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for Middle Georgia regarding the college's requirement for affirmation of accreditation with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

A graduate of Marengo Academy in Linden, Ala., Uzzle received bachelor and master's degrees in language arts education from Troy State University. While a student at Troy, she was a Chancellor's Award recipient and President's Honor Roll member. She was also an officer in Sigma Tau Delta, an international collegiate honor society for English students.

She is married to Shannon Uzzle, Southeast Regional GIS/Inventory Manager for the Campbell Group in Meridian, and they have two daughters, Chloe and Cecilia. They reside in Bailey.

# ECCC Diamond Warriors Eichelberger, Hall Selected in Major League Baseball Draft

"My dream has come true," commented former East Central Community College baseball player Daniel Eichelberger following his selection in the 20th round on Day Two of the 2009 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft held June 10.

Eichelberger, a 6', 175-pound centerfielder, was chosen by the Los Angeles Angels. He received the news about his selection while in Wyoming, where he is participating in Mountain Collegiate Baseball League as a member of the Laramie Colts.

DANIEL EICHELBERGER

ZEERIKA HALL

"I'm just overjoyed," said the Louisville High School standout via a cell phone interview. "So many people have called to congratulate me and told me to enjoy the moment. I'm just trying to stay humble while also being very excited. Hopefully I can take advantage of this opportunity and make it all the way."

He will obviously hope to follow the success of former ECCC Diamond Warrior and fellow Louisville product Marcus Thames of the Detroit Tigers. Diamond Warrior head coach Neal Holliman said the two communicate on a regular basis.

Eichelberger batted .343 for the Diamond Warriors in 2009 and led the team in home runs with 10 and RBIs with 49. He also pounded 13 doubles and scored 47 runs. Eichelberger played just one year at ECCC, having transferred from Delta State University.

Holliman said Eichelberger has a "different" approach to playing baseball as compared to a lot of players.

"His is a business approach," Holliman said. "Daniel is not only preparing for tomorrow's game, but he's also preparing to play professional baseball. A lot of kids say they want to play pro ball, but he prepared himself for it. He is a no-nonsense kind of person and is very disciplined." Eichelberger's coach at Louisville was Charlie Smith, whose son Drew serves as a student assistant coach for Coach Holliman.

Also drafted is former Diamond Warrior ZeErika Hall of Carthage, who was selected nine rounds later by the New York Mets. Hall, a 6', 175-pound outfielder, batted .369 with 34 RBIs. He led the team in doubles with 21 and stolen bases with 22. He also had four triples and scored a team-best 48 runs. Hall is a former standout at Carthage High School where he played for former Diamond Warrior David Luke.

Regarding his opportunity to play professional baseball, Hall replied in a cell phone interview, "It feels great...I've always dreamed about this moment...and to sign with my favorite team, the Mets, makes this even more special."

Hall said he received the news while in Alabama, where he plays for the East Alabama Big Train, a member of the Great South Summer Baseball League. The public address announcer at the team's game Wednesday (June 10) with the Windward Braves recognized Hall for being drafted. Hall said he received congratulations from team members and fans following the announcement, which "was quite a thrill."

Holliman said Hall was "a little overwhelmed" when he came to East Central, but soon "grew up, matured and became serious about maximizing his potential as a community college baseball player, which became evident when he was drafted."

Holliman said Eichelberger and Hall are a "joy to be around... both are very well mannered. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching both of them."

Eichelberger and Hall were among several Diamond Warriors who signed national letters of intent with Mississippi Valley State University. Pending negotiations, both are expected to sign professional contracts within a few days.

## Therrell Memorial Scholarship Established at ECCC

A scholarship in memory of Larry B. Therrell was recently established at East Central Community College.

Therrell's former students and players began the annual award, which honors the former high school administrator, coach and teacher credited with beginning Leake Academy's athletic program.

Therrell began his tenure at Leake Academy in 1970 as social studies instructor and high school principal. According to the scholarship description, there were no plans for athletics at the school's inception but because of Therrell's "strong multiple sport high school and college background," he soon found a way to begin the "now accomplished" Leake Academy athletic program. In the first year, Therrell was the only coach on staff. He would eventually serve 12 years as coach.

The Larry B. Therrell Memorial Scholarship award will be presented to students "who exhibit the characteristics Coach Therrell held dear," especially the "not quitting" factor, according to the scholarship guidelines. Other factors to be considered in the selection process include "citizenship, work ethic exhibited on the athletic field and in the classroom, and a strong will to continue when the 'going gets tough.'"

The scholarship award will give preference to a graduating Leake Academy student-athlete who will be an incoming freshman at ECCC. Participation in athletics at East Central will not be required of the recipient. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the high school selection committee.



## Promoting Warrior Athletics

Support for East Central Community College athletics was the main item on the agenda when the Warrior Club Fall Banquet was held Aug. 13 on the Decatur campus. Athletic Director Chris Harris is shown expressing appreciation to the approximately 80 supporters in attendance for the second annual event, held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. ECCC head coaches also spoke and provided updates from their respective programs. Shown with Harris at the head table are (from left) Kyle Watson, co-tennis coach with Dianne O'Neill and her husband Patrick O'Neill; Scott Hill, head softball coach; Warrior Club president Brenda Chaney and husband Rickey of Little Rock; Bill Smith, women's head basketball coach; Brian Anderson, interim head football coach; Kenneth Thompson, head soccer coach; and Maurice Bowie, men's head basketball coach. James Moore, golf coach, was unable to attend. Brenda Chaney was re-elected Warrior Club president and Krissi Munn of Decatur was chosen vice president. For more information on The Warrior Club, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

## Donation for EC Basketball Program

East Central Community College's basketball program received a financial boost thanks to a recent contribution from the Decatur Lions Club. Club representative Bobby Addy (left) of Decatur is shown presenting a $500 check to athletic director Chris Harris while Warrior head coach Maurice Bowie and Lady Warrior head coach Bill Smith look on. The contribution is a result of the club's concession sales during home basketball games.

## Neill Memorial Scholarship Established at ECCC

A scholarship in memory of the Rev. J. L. Neill was recently endowed at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The John Lambert Neill Memorial Scholarship was established by Dr. Harold S. Aycock, a 1964 ECCC graduate who attended the College when the Rev. Neill served as Wesley Foundation director.

Neill was a native of Montrose in Jasper County and a 1906 graduate of Millsaps College.

In 1907, he began a lifetime of service as a licensed Methodist minister. His 64 years of "tireless and distinguished service" was frequently recognized at the state, national and international levels within the Methodist Church.

From 1921-25 as head of the Methodist Mission work in Czechoslovakia, he organized a full-fledged annual conference and helped establish a seminary in Prague.

As Wesley Foundation director at ECCC from 1954 to 1969, the Rev. Neill "was tireless in his ministry to the spiritual and personal needs of current and former students...and was always available to assist students with personal issues and to assist in opening doors of opportunity for personal, educational and career development," according to the scholarship description.

The John Lambert Neill Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to sophomore students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, who qualify for financial assistance. The scholarship will be awarded for two semesters, with the amount based upon earnings from the endowment corpus. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the College's Scholarship Committee.

For more information contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The e-mail address is jkillens@eccc.edu.

# Arno Vincent: 1916-2009

*by Ovid Vickers*

He was born on a farm in the small Lauderdale County community of Martin in 1916. When he graduated from high school, Dr. L. O. Todd, the President of East Central Junior College, and Mr. Jim Thames, who was serving on the Board of Trustees, recruited him to play basketball for East Central. When he arrived on the campus, the football coach saw that he was a young man with great athletic ability and recruited him to play football. Since Martin School did not have a football team and since television was somewhere in the future, Arno Vincent always declared that he played in the first football game he ever saw.

*Arno Vincent, pictured during his 90th birthday party, which was held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, on the East Central Communtiy College campus. Vincent was ECCC's third president and served from 1953 to 1962.*

After graduating from East Central, he enrolled at Mississippi Southern College, now the University of Southern Mississippi, where he continued to play football. After graduating from Southern, he enrolled at the University of Mississippi where he completed a Master's Degree.

Mr. Vincent served in the United States Navy during World War II as a Lt. Commander. He was commanding a submarine tender and happened to be in Tokyo Bay during the time of the Japanese surrender. He was a striking looking officer and always spoke with great pride of his days in the Navy.

His first teaching position was as mathematics teacher in the Pass Christian Public Schools. During the 1947-48 school year, he returned to East Central where he taught, coached football and basketball, and served as Dean of Men. In 1953, Dr. Todd accepted a position with the Meridian Public Schools, and Arno Vincent became the third president of East Central Junior College, a position he held until 1963,when he too joined the administrative staff of the Meridian Public Schools.

During his years as basketball coach, his teams were always highly competitive and in 1953 he took his team from East Central, a predominantly rural 800 student college, to the national junior college tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. The East Central team, which in the tournament played teams from community colleges with student bodies of two or three thousand, won fourth place in the nation.

During his tenure as President of East Central, the College experienced continuous growth and several new programs were added to the curriculum. Increased enrollment created a demand for two new residence halls, and Todd Hall and Newsome Hall were built.

His presidency at East Central was marked by his great interest in the success of students who chose to attend a junior college. He was passionate about mentoring, nurturing, and supporting young people in their quest for a college education. When the faculty was called together, he always reminded the instructors about the mission of the college and that each teacher should strive to provide a quality education for those who had selected East Central for the first two years of their college work and also those who had come for training to go directly from the college into a vocation.

Mr. Vincent was a longstanding member of the Methodist Church. He was always active in the church in a quiet way. He often taught by example, and the life he lived was a testimony to his devotion to the church and to the services and activities offered by the church. He served the church in many capacities as a member of various church committees and as lay leader.

During his presidency, Mr. Vincent made a concerted effort to employ a faculty that was not only well versed in their given subject matter but were also familiar with the junior college philosophy. Many of the buildings on the campus today bear the names of instructors who were originally employed by Mr. Vincent.

He was active in whatever community he resided. He was involved in the Boy Scouts of America, the Lions Club, various alumni associations, and athletic foundations. Throughout his active career and long life, he was honored by schools and organizations for his contributions to the field of education and to the community. The administration building at East Central was named the Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building in his honor. He was honored as East Central's Alumnus of the Year, and his picture hangs in the Reed Green Coliseum at the University of Southern Mississippi where he is a member of USM's Athletic Hall of Fame. He also served as President of the Mississippi Community College Presidents' Association. He was inducted into the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989 and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

While he was President of East Central, he and his wife Ruth Carr Vincent,who was also a member of the college faculty, became the parents of two daughters, Pamela and Daphne. Daphne Lancaster and her husband Glenn reside in Meridian, and Pamela Fowlkes and her husband Robbie reside in New Orleans.

Ruth Carr Vincent preceded her husband in death. After remaining single for a number of years, Mr. Vincent married Winifred McElhaney of Petal and made his home in Petal during the last years of his life.

I was fortunate enough to have been employed by Mr. Vincent and to have remained in close contact with him for more than fifty years. In order to illustrate something of his character and personality, let me related what occurred the day he employed me

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# ECCC Scholarship Honors Landon Burt

David Burt of Hickory is shown presenting a check to East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin to endow a scholarship in memory of Burt's brother, Landon Burt, who lost his life while swimming in the College lake Friday, Dec. 19, 2008. Also shown during the presentation are (from left) Burt's parents, Bryan and Mary Burt of Newton; Scott Vaughn, Baptist Student Union director; and Cassidy Crenshaw, assistant director. Landon Burt drowned while being filmed for an inspirational video for BSU. In addition to be being a BSU member, Landon was a President's List scholar and member of the Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting endeavors and special events. He was a 2008 Salutatorian graduate of Newton County Academy, where he was chosen Mr. NCA, STAR Student, Most Likely to Succeed and lettered in baseball, golf and basketball. He was selected an MPSA All-Star basketball player in 2008. Landon was a member of Newton First Baptist Church. More than $10,000 was raised by family and friends to endow the Landon Bryan Burt Memorial Scholarship. Contributions continue to be received and may be sent to the ECCC Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. For information regarding scholarship criteria contact Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205.

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to teach at East Central.

I had recently been discharged from the military when I learned of an opening in East Central's English Department. I called the college and explained that I would like to apply for the English position but that I did not own an automobile to make the trip from Nashville (where I was in school) to Decatur. Mr. Vincent told me to take a bus to Meridian and he would meet me in the lobby of the Lamar Hotel. He met me, and we drove to Decatur where he spoke with me for about an hour. Then he invited me to his home for lunch. My bus did not leave Meridian until late that afternoon, so Mr. Vincent suggested that I take a nap in the guest room of the president's home.

When he dropped me off at the bus station in Meridian, Mr. Vincent told me I would receive a contract in the mail. Needless to say, he did that and I spent 40 years teaching at East Central.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, the sixth President of East Central remembers Arno Vincent as President while Dr. Smith was a student and also from professional meetings where, in later years, they were both in attendance. Smith says of Vincent, "I knew Arno Vincent to be a man of high moral values, and unquestionable professional demeanor. He had an enjoyable sense of humor that was always displayed in appropriate manner. He was in my estimation a great man."

Dr. Richard Ethridge, in remembering Mr. Vincent, made the following comment: "Arno Vincent was, first and foremost, a 'people person.' He looked for and found the best qualities in folks regardless of their personal inclinations or propensities. A rarity, Vincent practiced this characteristic in ever aspect of his life."

Lucille Wood, who taught physical education and coached women's basketball during the years Arno Vincent served as President of East Central remembers Mr. Vincent as a great teacher and capable administrator. "He let me," she says, "teach physical education and provided the necessary equipment for a wide and varied program. He set me free to use my talents as a teacher and coach.

"In the memorabilia room in Burton Library, there is a conference table which was given in Mr. Vincent's honor. Around the table are eight chairs named for outstanding and dedicated teachers. All eight are teachers employed by Arno Vincent.

"Because Mr. Vincent and his wife Ruth were students at ECJC and because they both were later members of the faculty and also served as President and First Lady of the college, Arno and Ruth Vincent will always be remembered as a vital part of the early history of East Central Community College."

Arno Vincent, the third president of East Central, passed away on July 9, 2009, but the legacy he left behind will always be remembered in the annals of junior college scholarship, athletics, administration, and tradition.

# Warrior Golf Classic Nets $8,300 for Scholarships

Approximately $8,300 was raised for student scholarships as a result of the eighth annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic, according to tournament coordinator Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

Hollingsworth said 24 teams participated in the four-person scramble, held June 25 at the Philadelphia Country Club. The College's Alumni Association has sponsored the annual fundraiser since 2002.

"The 2009 Warrior Golf Classic was a great event for the ECCC Alumni Association," Hollingsworth said. "We are so thankful to all the participants, corporate and hole sponsors, volunteers and staff of the Philadelphia Country Club for another successful tournament."

Approximately $27,000 in scholarship monies have been awarded since the tournaments inception. Scholarships are awarded to students residing in the College's five-county district during the annual AT&T Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held each summer on the Decatur campus.

Cox and Powers Insurance Agency in Carthage took top honors in this year's competition and was also the corporate division winner with a score of 53 on the par 72 course. Team members included Aubry Cox, Phil Shepard, Bob Jordan and Jimmy Bell.

Runner-up in the championship flight was the Howard Industries team who carded a 54. Team members included Rusty Thoms, Jay Witcher, Mark Power and Craig Robertson.

The Chancellor team also shot a 54 but finished third in the championship flight due to a scorecard playoff. Team members were Van Chancellor, Heze Chancellor, Kyle Chambliss and Robert Tranum.

Also competing in the championship flight were the Crosby McDonald team (Crosby McDonald, Dan Moody, Richie Long and Trent Travis), which shot 55; James Moore team (James Moore, J.C. Moore, David Freeman and Alex Deason), which shot 56; and the Eric Burgess Team (Eric Burgess, Branden Moore, Hunter Fortenberry and Shelby Patterson), which also carded a 56. The team from Southern Pine Electric (Jason Siegfried, Chad Lewis, Lake Thoms and Jason Mangum) shot a 58 and the Ron Perkins team (Ron Perkins, Jason Laird, Les Hull and Mark Vick) scored a 60.

### FIRST FLIGHT

The team of Glynn Griffing and Associates won the first flight with a 60. Team members included Glynn Griffing, Milton Walker, Brent Walker and Trey Porter. Newton County Bank and Prince Oil Company teams also carded a 60 and captured second and third place honors, respectively, after a score card playoff. Newton County Bank team members were Robert Munn, James "Creeper" Nelson, Jr., Joel Nelson and Ted Whittle. Prince Oil team members were Doug Jones, Neal Pettigrew, Bo Welch and Joe Rush.

Also competing in the first flight were the Community Bank team (Steve Gibson, Tommy Smith, Bert Atkinson and Michael Worrell), 61; and Tyson Foods Forest team (Tommy Waters, Chad Hall, Randy Gibson and Eddie McDill), La-Z-Boy/Chaney team (Randy McDill, Ronnie Poythress, Matthew Tingle and Ricky Chaney), Robert Thomas team (Robert Thomas, Derrell Thomas, Jerry Brantley and Bill Lundy) and Citizens Bank of Philadelphia team (Ken Jones, George Amis, Randy McElhenney and Rusty Barnett), all with a 62.

*The team from Cox and Powers Insurance Agency in Carthage took top honors in the eighth annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic held June 25 at Philadelphia Country Club. The talented golfers shot a 53 on the par 72 course. Dr. Lavinia Sparkman (left), ECCC vice president for instruction, made the awards presentation to team members (from left) Aubry Cox of Carthage, Bob Jordan of Kosciusko and Jimmy Bell and Phil Shepard, both of Carthage.*

### SECOND FLIGHT

Tyson Foods-Carthage team captured top honors in the second flight with a 62. Team members included Tyler Threadgill, Chas McClain, David Minett and Mike Williams. The Raytheon team finished second with a 62. Team members were Robert Fabbri, Dave McIntire, Winnfort Myles and Chris Lee. Third place went to the First Financial Bank team who carded a 64. Team members included Brad Ogletree, Terry Thomas, Van Ray Bowman and John Gregory.

Also participating in the second flight were the Dr. John and Betsy Mann (John Mann, Betsy Mann, Dale Joyner and Allen Parkes) team who finished with a 65; SIVAD, Inc. team (Chris Clark, Kyle James, Chris Murphy and Joseph Knight), 67; La-Z-Boy South team (Don Mather, Kevin Rigdon, Danny Simoneau and Tom Keith), 69; Michael Payment team (Dr. Michael Payment, Greg and Flo Henley and Julie McNamara), 72; and Valley Services team (Carl Wolfe, Marty Puckett, Jay Nabors and Randy Roberts), 79.

### SPECIAL PRIZES

Bill Lundy of Conway, Ark., a member of the Robert Thomas team, was the lucky winner of the a new La-Z-Boy chair and Shelby Patterson of Forest, a member of the Eric Burgess team, won the Drive-the-Middle contest and received a ticket package to the Viking Classic at Annandale.

### SPONSORS

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*Howard Industries was runner-up in the championship flight. eam members included (from left) Jay Witcher and Rusty Thoms, both of Madison; Mark Power of Pearl and Craig Robertson of Madison.*

Gold sponsors included Applied GEO Technologies, Inc. (Choctaw), The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, Community Bank (Forest), Cox and Powers Insurance Agency, Inc. (Carthage), First Financial Bank (Carthage), Glynn Griffing and Associates (Jackson), Howard Industries (Laurel), La-Z-Boy South (Newton) , Dr. John and Dr. Betsy Mann (Philadelphia), Newton County Bank (Newton), Michael Payment, MD (Jackson), Prince Oil (Philadelphia), Raytheon (Forest), SIVAD, Inc. (Ridgeland), Tyson Foods, Inc. (Carthage & Forest) and Valley Services, Inc. (Jackson).

Bronze sponsors were B & G Equipment, Inc. (Philadelphia), Capital Oil, Inc. (Jackson & Newton), Ed Chaney Tire Center, Inc. (Meridian), First American Printing & Direct Mail (Choctaw and Ocean Springs), Popeyes (Forest & Philadelphia), SIVAD, Inc. (Ridgeland) amd Steve's On the Square (Philadelphia).

Southern Pine Electric Power Association (Taylorsville) served as a team sponsor.

The ECCC Foundation, Inc. sponsored the "Hole-In-One" competition on all par-three holes.

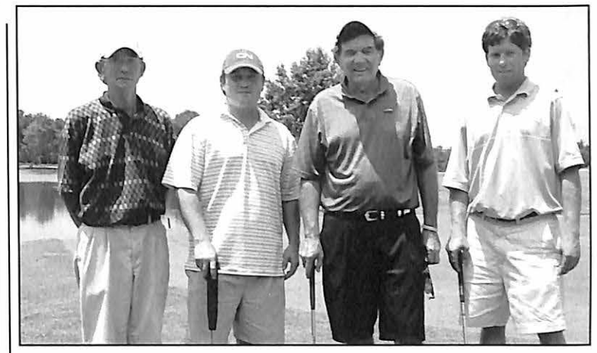
Birdies for Charity in Jackson sponsored the "Drive-the-Middle" competition.

The Hospitality Tent was provided by The Cole House Bed and Breakfast in Philadelphia.

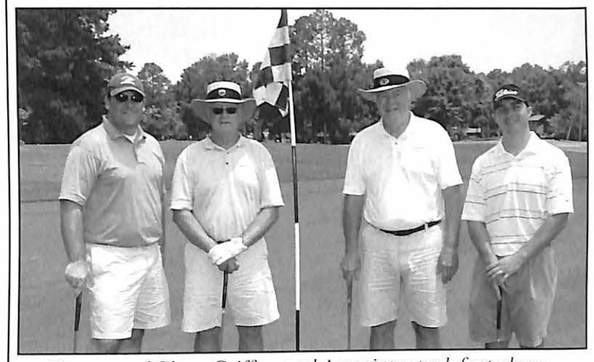
Food was provided by the ECCC Alumni Association, Wayne Ledford of Decatur and Valley Services, Inc., in Jackson.

Providing door prizes were Cheryl Comans of Cleveland, Ann Burkes of Decatur, the ECCC Alumni Association, ECCC Bookstore, Entergy (Jackson), Jerald Everett (Clinton), Flo Henley (Starkville), Dr. Bob Tom Johnson (Forest) and La-Z-Boy South (Newton).

For information on the 2010 ECCC Warrior Golf Classic, contact Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, Phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 372. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.



*The Chancellor team took third place honors in the championship flight. Team members included (from left) Heze Chancellor and Kyle Chambliss, both of Louisville; Van Chancellor of Baton Rouge, La., and Robert Tranum of Louisville.*



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*Newton County Bank team members were runners-up in the first flight. Team members included (from left) Robert Munn and Ted Whittle, both of Newton; Joel Nelson of Hickory and James "Creeper" Nelson of Newton.*

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*The team from First Financial Bank in Carthage placed third in the second flight. Team members included (from left) John Gregory, Terry Thomas, Brad Ogletree and Van Ray Bowman, all of Carthage.*

## Wade Joins ECCC Trustees

Dr. William C. Wade (center) of McCool was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. The new trustee is shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left) and Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia following the group's Aug. 11 meeting on the Decatur campus. Dr. Wade joins the ECCC Trustees due to his recent selection as the new Supt. of the Louisville Municipal School District, succeeding Harry Kemp. Dr. Wade has an extensive background in education, including 10 years service as Supt. of Education for the Union Public School District. He is also a former adjunct professor at Mississippi State University-Meridian. He began his career in education as an instructor at the Winston/Louisville Vocational Center. He holds four degrees from Mississippi State University in Starkville, including a doctorate in curriculum and instruction/education leadership. He and his wife Sue Ann have four children, Will, Chelsea, Beth Ann and Stephen, and two grandchildren.

## Trustees Crotwell, Hart Honored

Vernon Crotwell (second from left) of Morton and Beverly Hart of Union (third from left) were recently honored for their service as members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Crotwell has served 20 years and Hart has accumulated 10 years of service. They were among trustees from across the state who received the special recognition at the Mississippi Community and Junior College Conference held during July in Biloxi. Plaques commemorating the honorees for their service were presented by ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left) and Board Chairman Prentice Copland of Philadelphia at the Aug. 11 trustees' meeting on the Decatur campus.

# ECCC Announces Record Enrollment

A record 2,841 students have enrolled in fall classes at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Donna Luke, dean of admissions, records and research.

The new record surpasses the previous mark of 2,735 students who registered fall classes in 2004.

The fall 2009 enrollment is also a 258-student increase compared to the 2008 fall term, when 2,583 students enrolled at the College.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin attributes economic conditions and the College's "affordable tuition and quality staff" as reasons for the record enrollment.

"During economic down turns, college enrollment usually increases as people who may have lost their jobs are going to college to learn another trade or enter a new profession. Some also return to the classroom to receive specialized training to improve their workforce skills," Dr. Sutphin said. "Of course we offer an educational bargain at East Central, with tuition at $800 per semester. We also have an excellent faculty and staff who are committed to serving students of all ages."

East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

For more information contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The email address is dluke@eccc.edu.

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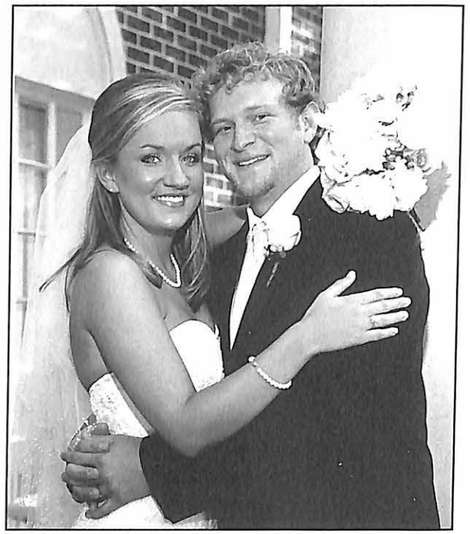
# Alumni Weddings

April Renea Barnett to Alexander McBeath Tillman
Lee McLain Beard to Devin Lee Windham
Kendall Jordan Boler to Thomas Daniel Baldwin
Brittany Lane Boulton to David Matthew Owens
Amber LeAnn Brackeen to Joshua Alan Richardson
Lacey Danielle Brantley to Joshua Charles Avant
Yentl Carrollette Brantly to Octavian Dewayne Patrick
Jessica Fay Breazeale to Randall Kevin Hearn
Hailey E. Brewer to Tom Jensen
Ariel Daguerre Browning to Charlie Gareth Henry
Heather Burgess to Toby Thornton
Lucy Diane Burns to Joshua Keith Smith
Monica Lynn Burnside to Zebulon Ian Cook
Joy Kristina Cavenaugh to Brooks William Scott
Rachel Leigh Chappell to Brian Mitchel Dunn
Jessica Casandra Clemons to Johnathan Robert Griffin
Clancy Lessine Cleveland to Dustin Cole Hamrick
Kimberly Lois Cleveland to Talmage Gene Jayroe II
Stephanie Suzanne Craig to Charles Alfred Schellback
Kayla Alison Crane to Jonathan Clint Ward
Kelly Dawn Cumberland to Joey Sosa
Amanda Dowell to Justin Hamilton
Trelisa Letrice Eichelberger to Eric Durrel Lyon
Shelley Ferguson to Matt Addkinson
Sabra Nicole Fortenberry to Brandon Lee Stubblefield
Neenah Franklin to Jason Long
Jamie Lee Freeny to Christopher Nowell
Jessica Fulton to Kris Amis
Kristen Kaliah Gray to Thomas Jayroe Madison
Lindsey Harrell to Kris Knight
Ashley Renee Hatcher to William Leigh Tingle
Christen Herrington to Allen Buckley
Krystle Dawn Holdiness to Justin Adam Weems
Brandi Renee Hopper to Cody Lee Savell
Anna Hughes to Timmy Bell
Kristian Leigh Jones to Kent Williams Adams
Megan Elizabeth Jordan to Ethan Anthony
Amy Kennedy to Josh Miller
Loren Michelle Kennedy to Jordan Lee Robinson
Annaliese Michelle Kiepe to Lee Wayne Johnson
Heather Shantay Knowles to Justin Antwain Darby
Olivia Paige Lewis to Scott Alan Jackson
Lindsey Ashton Little to Andy Jolee McMillan
Megan Elise Logan to Daniel Keith Bounds
Kasie Danielle Loper to Danny Marcus Graham, Jr.
Jamie Lynette Mason to Jon Errol Gusman
Christina Frances Massey to Christopher Casey
Ashley Nicole May to Christopher Roy Mills
Lauren Kathryn McDonald to Eric Thomas Humphries
Maria Katherine McMullan to Randy Eric Townsend
Chasity Lynn Myers to Joseph Warren Smith



***Lorin Paige Randolph and Colby Wayne Amis, both members of the ECCC Class of 2007, were married Sat., June 20, in the sanctuary of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur.***

Kathryn Lee Patrick to Gregory Paul Ware
Meridith Perry to Nic Massey
Terri Lee Phillips to Erich Josef Stuber
Lorin Paige Randolph to Colby Wayne Amis
Joyce Evelyn Richardson to Billy Michael Fedrick
Bracken Elise Rush to Brooks Joseph Crabtree
Kristina Marie Scrivener to Scott Michael Round
Dr. Stacy Gean Skinner to Nicholas Earl Turner
Natalie Marie Tanksley to Robert Alan Smith, Jr.
Kristen Leigh Thomas to Christopher Ryan Weaver
Kristan Renea Valentine to Jared Blake Lanier
Kimyatta Viverette to Tramaine Perry
Jodie Marie Walters to M.J. Roberts
Laurie Elizabeth Wand to Stephen Joel Goodin
Jessica Ware to Ben Rasco
Heather Michelle Warren to Brian Patrick White
Erin Estelle Watkins to Garrett Mason Lang
Jennifer Leigh Watkins to John Anthony Steel II
Julie Claire Wilbanks to Andrew Jenkins
Jessica Leigh Yarborough to Brian Chad Phillips
Chasity Michelle Yates to James Brent Cockerham



# Alumni News Briefs

**Corey (Class of 2002) and Whitney Amis (Class of 2003)** announce the birth of their son, Hayden Reece Amis, born May 7, 2008.

**Jeff and Jennifer Gaines Burch (Class of 1996)** of Okinawa, Japan announce the birth of their daughter, Hayley Rebecca Burch, born July 12, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. and 7 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long.

**Jason Williams (Class of 2003) and Jade Harper Williams (Class of 2003)** welcomed a baby boy, Shawn Ray Williams, born November 9, 2007.

**Jason (Class of 1994) and Nichole N. Goforth (Class of 2001)** announce the birth of their son, Jake Charles Goforth, born Dec. 31, 2008. He weighed 9 lbs. and 1 oz. and was 20 inches long.

**Joshua and Kristin Cleveland McDonald (Class of 2001)** proudly announce the birth of their son, Miles Gregory McDonald, born March 19, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs. and 7 oz. and was 20 inches long.

**Craig and Jennifer Collins Johnson (Class of 1994)** announce the birth of their son, Frank McQuilla "Quill" Johnson, born March 3, 2009.

**Carmen (Class of 2000) and Eric Easley** of Vardaman proudly announce the birth of their son, Cooper Lloyd Easley, born Feb. 25, 2009. He weighed 7lbs. and 11oz. and was 19" long. Cooper is welcomed into his family by his big brother, Andrew.

**Curt and Felicia Skipper** announce the birth of their son, Noah Robert Skipper, born July 21, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz and was 20.5 inches long.

**Hal and Emily Boggan Thompson (both Class of 2001)** announce the birth of their son, Tyson Graily Thompson, born April 28, 2009. He weighed 5 lbs. and 15 oz and was 19.5 inches long.

**Emily Bullock (Class of 1998)** of Hattiesburg, MS received her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Florida State in 2006. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi.

**Harriet Vickers Laird ('84)** has been named associate director of University Relations at Mississippi State University. In her new role, she manages marketing functions that include publication production and advertising. She also serves as a key member of the department's emergency preparedness planning and response efforts for Mississippi's largest university.

Before her employment at MSU, Laird served as communications coordinator at Nissan North America's manufacturing plant in Canton for more than two years and was public relations director for the Hinds Community College District for more than 15 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in public relations from the University of Southern Mississippi. Laird is the daughter of retired EC faculty members Ovid and Carol Vickers.

**Pete Lucovich (Class of 1973)** of Carthage was recently named (Tennis) Coach of the Year for the spring 2008 District 5 Class 3A. He retired following 28 years as head football coach of Carthage High School, compiling a record of 161 wins and 119 losses during his tenure.

**Jack (Class of 1970) and Janis B. McMichael's (Class of 1972)** daughter, Jordan, is attending EC. She is a member of the Wall O' Sound Color Guard. The McMichael's are from Philadelphia.

**Wanda Comans McCullough**, native of Sebastopol, recently received the Individual Merit Award for her outstanding contribution to the field of social work during the Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare. McCullough's social work career spans over 30 years which includes 20 years working with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, CEO at Children's Center in Lancaster, California, and as a medical social worker at St. Dominic's.

McCullough currently serves as the CEO of Grace Production, a company which she owns and operates out of Flora where she researches grant opportunities and funding for small community grants and Conference Designing. She is a graduate of ECCC class of 1970. McCullough also received the Alumna of the Year Award in 1995.

**Ken McMullan (Class of 1992)** of Louisville was appointed Deputy Supertindent for the Louisville Public Schools after successfully serving two years as High School Principal at Louisville High School Ken's first job after obtaining his Educational Specialist Degree from Mississippi State University was assistant football, basketball, and baseball Coach at Louisville High and head 9th grade football and basketball coach. Prior to coming to Louisville, he served as principal, athletic director, head football coach, and girl's basketball coach at Nanih Waiya for six years. He also was defensive coordinator and head basketball coach at Newton High School for two years.

He is married to the former Leigh Warner of Louisville and they have two children, Kenley, (10) a student at Nanih Waiya and Trey (5), a student at Fair Memorial Elementary School. McMullen is presently the president and organizer of the Louisville Boys and Girl's Club and is active in Rotary. They attend Louisville United Methodist Church.

**Dustin Garvin McMullan (Class of 1999)** of Laurel just returned from a one year tour in Iraq. He went with the 113th Military Police out of Brandon. After attending East Central, he got his degree from Delta State University in Criminal Justice. He was in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity while at Delta State. After graduating from Delta State, he was selected for the Mississippi Police Corps Program and successfully graduated before going to work at the Hatties-

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burg Police Department. He is currently a member of the Laurel Police Department.

**Hank (Class of 1959) and Sara Moreau (Class of 1959)** of Decatur celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in the Gold Room at ECCC. Thirty-seven family members from Idaho, Rhode Island, Mass.achusetts, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, and Mississippi joined in the celebration on March 28, 2008.

**Cheryl Watkins Chapman (Class of 1998) married Justin Wayne Chapman (Class of 1997)** in 2002. Justin is currently the Director of Center Operations of the United Blood Services Natchez Trace Region. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1999 with a B.S. degree in Healthcare Administration and in 2007 earned his MBA from University of Phoenix. Cheryl graduated from Mississippi State University in 2004 with a B.S. in Elementary Education. In 2004, they had twin boys, James Tyler and Wesley Robert and in September 2009 they had a baby girl.

**James R. Thorne (Class o f 1950)** of Grenada has been retired for 18 years from Jackson Public Schools where he was employed for 43 years. During this time, he served in many roles and offices in Educational Organizations including State and National Elementary Principals Association. Awards and Recognitions have been numerous. He wrote, "RETIREMENT IS GOLDEN!" He and his wife of 56 years, Frances Horton Thorne, have traveled around the world six times.He also wrote, "Australia has been a favorite place to visit, and we have made many, many lasting friends. We took another trip around the world in the spring of 2009, with main stays in Italy and Vietnam. Two beautiful daughters, two of the world's greatest sons-in-laws, six wonderful, very intelligent grandchildren, one precious great grandson and traveling are their main delights in life. ECCC and Decatur were great places to begin this journey well traveled!"

**Jay Brown (Class of 1983)** of Pell City, Alabama is entering his 7th season as head football coach and athletic director at Pell City High School. His record at Pell City is 47 – 22, and his teams have been to the 6A State Playoffs five years in a row. He was also re-elected to the Board of Directors for the Alabama Football Coaches Association.

**Megan Jones (Class of 2006) and Christopher Morland (Class of 2003)** were married on July 19, 2008. They now reside in Enterprise. Megan is employed at Forest Elementary where she teaches third grade. Chris is a Tech Sargent in the Air National Guard. He works at Key Field in Meridian where he is a crew chief.

**Rev. Marcus Mann (1994)** and the congreagation of Sylvarena Baptist Church in Brandon recently held dedication ceremonies for their recently constructed Family Life Center. Mann has been at the church for about four years.

**Tracy Goodin (Class of 2000)** of Gainesville, Virginia has been working for Northern Virginia Electric Coop. for the last 18 months as a Distribution Engineering Supervisor. His son, Lamar Goodin, recently graduated from the Marine Corps boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina.

**Charles L. Atkinson and Roxene H. Atkinson (Class of 1953)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 27, 2008. They are the parents of two daughters, Betty Lynn Atkinson and Jeannie Atkinson White, and two granddaughters, Maggie White and Hannah White.

**Brenda G. Parkes (Class of 1967)** of Decatur retired from Newton County Bank in December of 2008. She had been in banking for 34years.

**Dr. Linda Smith Barron (Class of 1962) and Dr. Martha Johnson Tipton (Class of 1964)** with their husbands, Allen Barron and Jon P. Tipton, M.D., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversaries at a special dinner in Nashville, Tenn., on January 2, 2009. The Barron's were married December 27, 1968, in Decatur and the Tipton's two days later in Hickory. They have maintained their friendship for more than 40 years even though the Barron's live in Nashville and the Tipton's live in Marietta, Ohio and despite the fact they attended rival schools in Alabama for their Master's Degrees: Linda (University of Alabama) and Martha (Auburn University)!

They both received undergraduate degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. Linda received her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University, and Martha received her Ph.D. from Ohio University. Linda retired in 2003 from Vanderbilt University where she was an Associate professor of mathematics education, and Martha retired in 2004 from Marietta College where she was an assistant professor of communication/leadership.

**Brookes A. Mayes (2008)** of Newton, a junior technology teacher education major, was chosen student representative on the Pi Omega Pi national council. Pi Omega Pi was established more than 80 years ago to promote scholarship and service among students and teachers in business education. It currently has more than 54,000 members spread among 25 chapters.

**Frederick William Hamilton (Class of 1986)** was named a Distinguished Fellow by the James Worth Bagley College of Engineering at Mississippi State University. Hamilton holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering, Mississippi State University, 1988. Originally from Carthage, Fred Hamilton has lived in Newton and Meridian for the last 30 years. As founder and president of K&S Custom Warehousing, Inc. in Meridian, he has established a niche in the transportation industry in east Mississippi. He founded K&S in 1993 to facilitate the unloading and palletization of cartons from sea containers for delivery to local manufacturing firms. Since then, K&S has evolved into a third party logistics firm providing collaborative supply chain solutions where raw material inventory is held on consignment from suppliers and delivered to the manufacturer on a daily, just-in-time basis. In 1999, K&S became the first company in Mississippi to provide home delivery and return to the warehouse of storage pods.

A nontraditional college student, Hamilton entered the industrial engineering program

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at the age of 28 after several years of working as a trackman with the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad. Following graduation, and prior to starting K&S, he worked as an industrial engineering quality manger, engineering manger and general manger for several firms in east Mississippi, including Saunders, a manufacturer of office products.

While at Saunders, Hamilton designed and developed the first clipboard made of recycled plastics for Wal-Mart, and modified manufacturing equipment for use by handicapped employees. He holds two U.S. patents including one for a trucking industry tool and another for a repairable, composite pallet.

Hamilton serves his community as chairman of the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation's Transportation Committee. He has personally funded community transportation studies in support of local economic development. His philanthropy also extends to East Central Community College and Mississippi State where he annually funds scholarships. Hamilton has one daughter, Heather Hamilton Carr, and two grandchildren, William Hamilton Carr and David Andrew Carr.

**Sharron Goodman-Hill** hosts a weekly public affairs show 'Straight Talk Live" and recently interviewed Susan Taylor, editor emeritus of *Essence Magazine*. Goodman-Hill is a 1980 graduate of ECCC and returned to the College in 1985 and helped organize the ECCC Gospel Choir.

**Patsy C. Johnston's (Class of 1952)** great granddaughter, Rowan Renee Wyatt graduated in May of 2009. Her granddaughter graduated from Centenary and will teach, and her granddaughter-in-law graduated from LSU's Law School.

**Robert G. and Patsy J. Wilkerson (Class of 1953)** of Lake celebrated their fiftieth year of marriage on October 25, 2008.

**Kay Copeland (Class of 1969)** retried from the Neshoba County School District after 39 years with the school district.

**Ken Stidham (Class of 1964)** of West Chester, Ohio retired in May of 2009 from General Electric Company Aircraft Engines with more than 40 years in test engineering. He enjoys boating, fishing, camping and water sports.

**James B. Johnson (Class of 1992 and 1995)**, Chief of Police for the City of Lena, was recently awarded a commendation for the enforcement of child restraint/seat belt enforcement. This is the sixth year Johnson has won this award sponsored by the MS Department of Public Safety. Johnson has 16 years of law enforcement experience in Leake County and 13 years experience as a nurse at Scott Regional Hospital in Morton.

**Tina D. Jordan (Class of 1992)** took a new job as 911 dispatcher/Tac officer with the Taylorsville Police Department.

**W. Larry (Class of 1957) and Polly Adams** of Jackson celebrated a wedding anniversary. They were married on July 16, 1960.

**Evelyn Rowzee Craft (Class of 1948)** and Charles C. Craft of Bartlett, Tenn., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 6, 2009.

**Myra Murrell Davis (Class of 1979)** of Morton is the secretary of MACA (Mississippi Assessors Collectors Association) for 2009 – 2010.

**Coach Chad Harrison's (Class of 1992)** Scott Central Lady Rebel basketball team won the Class 2A South State Tournament and was a Class 2A State Tournament Semi-Finalist.

**Charles '64 and Judy Thomas** of Louisville are pleased to announce the birth of their second grandchild – a grandson – born June 5, 2009, weighing 5 lbs. and 1 ounce. His name is Robert Finley Thomas, son of Dow '96 and Shelley Thomas of Louisville. Fin's also has a big sister, Kaitlyn, age 4.

**Jeanine Jordan Hamilton (Class of 1967)** of Lexington, N.C. retired in July 2009 after many years with Lowe's Motor Speedway.

**Alben Roland**, manager of product engineering, Carol Brand Electronic Products-General Cable, recently published an article titled "Fire Alarm Systems: Fighting Fire With Technology."

Known in the industry as a "wire wizard," Alben said, "Whether it's providing a prototype, solving an applications problem, or answering a technical question, we try to make magic happen."

**Renae Savell** recently assumed the positiion of graphics designer at *The Scott County Times* weekly newspaper. Savell lives in Decatur with her husband, William, who is a native of Lake and also an ECCC graduate.

**Dr. Scott Long** was named Teacher of the Year for 2008-09 by the senior pharmacy students of Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy. Long is a 1979 graduate of Philadelphia High School. He received his bachelor of science in pharmacy from the University of Mississippi in 1984 and was staff pharmacist at the Choctaw Health center PHS/HIS facility for three years before returning to Ole Miss for graduate work, completing a doctorate in 1994. Long has also worked as a relief pharmacist in Philadelphia, Oxford, Batesville and other towns in central and north Mississippi.

**Ronnie G. Thrash Jr.** graduated from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, Tenn., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air National Guard. Thrash, a logistics officer and environmental manager, is assigned to the 186th Air Refueling Wing, Key Field Air National Guard Base in Meridian. He is the son of Ronnie G. and Mary A. Thrash of Newton. He is a graduate of Newton County Academy, received an associate degree from East Central Community College and earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi

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State University in Meridian.

**Mark Flake** was promoted to assistant vice president networking services manager for The Citizens Banks. He is a native of Neshoba County, graduated from Neshoba Central High School and attended East Central Community College.

**Mitch Peden** was promoted to assistant vice president information services manager for The Citizens Bank. Peden is a native of Neshoba County, graduated from Neshoba Central High School and attended East Central Community College.

**Bubba Hudspeth** was reappointed to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges by Gov. Haley Barbour. In 2006, Barbour appointed Hudspeth, a past community college board member, to fill the unexpired term of Denver Brackeen, who died that year. Hudspeth served for more than 28 years on the East Central Community College board of trustees and served as the chairman for 10 years.

**Wert Spiva** led the Coldwater High School boys' basketball team to the Class 1A basketball championship last spring. The Coldwater girls' team took the runner-up spot aftr fall to McAdams in overtime.

**Doyle Wolverton** led the his Leake Academy girls' basketball team to their fifth MPSA Overall Championship and captured is 1,087th career victory.

The late **Denver Brackeen** of Union, former ECCC Dean of Students and retired Mississippi Adjutant General, was named to the Ole Miss All-Century Basketball Team. The team was chosen by a vote of fans on the athletic department's Web-site and by a committee of officials from the department and the M-Club athletic group.

The top-10 vote getters in the fan voting automoatically made the team with the rest chosen by the committee. Forty-one nominees were listedon the ballot, with the option for write-in voting too. The nominees included any former Ole Miss basketball player who scored 1,000 or more points in his career.

**Bethany Brantley Johnson** was recently selected as part of the Mississippi Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40. She is a managing shareholder with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Steward, P.C. She and her husband, Brad, have two daughters, Brantley Grace and Henley Kate.

**David Blount**, who won back-to-back MPSA titles at Jackson Academy in the mid-90s, has been hired as football coach at Tri-County Academy.

**Ricky Harison** received the 2009 Award for Use of Historical Records in Higher Education and was honored at an awards luncheon earlier this year at the University of Southern Mississippi. The award was presented by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

**Ralph Brown** was named director of sales for the Jackson distribution center of Merchant's Foodservice. He has 25 years in food-service sales and distribution. He began his career as a marketing associate and rose to vice president of sales.

**Judy Moore** was recently selected STAR Teacher at Leake Academy.

**Randy (Shawn) Houser** performed his hit single "Anything Goes" on the David Letterman Show in New York.

**Burl Johnson** of Union retired earlier this year with 25 years of service with the U.S. Postal Service.

**Jim Duncan** was selected STAR Teacher at Neshoba Central High School.

**Clark Measels** received the Circle of Excellence Award from William Carey College. He currently serves as the Dean of the School of Fine Arts at Carson-Newman College.

## *Coleman Scholarship Established at ECCC*

A scholarship in memory of the late Kenny Coleman of Philadelphia was recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

The $750 annual award is provided by the Neshoba County General Hospital and Nursing Home Board of Trustees and pays tribute to Coleman, who served as one of the hospital's trustees. An ECCC alumnus, Coleman was employed with the Philadelphia Fire Department for 30 years and served 17 years as chief. He retired in June 2007 and died on June 20, 2008, at the age of 53.

The scholarship will be awarded each fall semester to a student who is enrolled in the College's EMT Basic Class in Philadelphia. To be eligible, applicants must: be a U.S. citizen and resident of Neshoba County; be a graduating high school senior; have a minimum gradepoint average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and be accepted into the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program at ECCC.

Applications for the Kenny Coleman General EMS Scholarship are available at the Neshoba County General Hospital and Nursing Home by contacting Dale Joyner, 601-663-1260. Applications must be typed and submitted to the EMS Building or sent to the Neshoba County EMS Department, Attn: Dale Joyner, 1001 Holland Avenue, Philadelphia, MS 39350.

Applications are due on June 30 in order for the scholarship to be awarded for the fall semester.



# *Croft in Fourth Season as Nebraska's Director of Basketball Operations*

Now in his fourth year as director of basketball operations at the University of Nebraska, East Central Community College alumnus Chris Croft took time to reflect on his career in athletics, which began as a student assistant under Warrior head coach Marty Cooper in the early 1990s.

CHRIS CROFT

"I have been very fortunate to have been involved with college basketball programs around the country in several settings," Croft remarked. "And it all started with my first opportunity at East Central in 1991. ECCC was my first college academically and athletically. I was given a great opportunity to be successful by Coach Cooper."

Croft was also appreciative that he had the opportunity "to be around some great players such as Tony Bailey, Mark Stribling, Marcus Mann and others."

"Our teams had enormous success (state and division championships), so I had the opportunity to meet a lot of college basketball coaches at an early age, which opened a lot of doors for me," Croft said. "There is no way I would be where I am today without my initial beginning at East Central. It laid the foundation of my college basketball coaching career, and I am forever grateful to the College and those people involved."

Since joining the Husker program in Sept. 2006, the Louisville native has been the primary day-to-day administrator within the basketball office, where he handles the budget, clinics, camps and daily office routines. He also is heavily involved with team scheduling and the Huskers' community involvement and Life Skills programs. In addition, Croft helps coordinate the Huskers' public speaking efforts, both for players and the coaching staff.

Croft is also responsible for handling team travel, including all post-season trips. Croft has assisted head coach Doc Sadler and the Huskers to only the 12th 20-win season in program history and a berth in the 2008 and 2009 National Invitational Tournaments (NIT). It was the third time in four years that Croft aided Sadler's squad to the post-season.

Croft came to Nebraska from the University of Texas- El Paso (UTEP), where he served under Sadler as a program specialist. He oversaw several administrative areas for both the Miners and Huskers as the squads reached the NIT in 2006 and 2008, respectively.

An experienced coach who is also described as a "savy" basketball administrator, Croft has an impressive basketball coaching background. He previously served as an assistant coach in the Big 12 and Pac-10 conferences and has been a head coach on the NAIA level.

After eight years as a Division I assistant coach, Croft was named head coach at Martin Methodist (Tenn.) College at the age of 30. His first squad in 2003-04 won 22 games and captured the TranSouth Conference title – the first in school history – while also advancing to the NAIA national tournament. Croft was the first coach in league history to win a championship in his initial season as head coach, and also the youngest coach in league history to win a championship. He led his team to 13 road wins to rank second nationally across all divisions of four-year colleges. Croft's team led the conference in scoring defense as he coached four all-conference players and seven academic all-conference players.

Croft entered the coaching profession as a graduate student at ECCC in 1991-93. While at EC, he was part of a state championship team (1992-93) and both years the Warriors advanced to regional competition.

He then assisted M.K. Turk at the University of Southern Mississippi as an undergraduate before being named an assistant at USM at age 22 in 1995. Croft helped lead the Golden Eagles to two NIT appearances before moving to the Big 12 under Coach Eddie Sutton at Oklahoma State University before the 1996-97 season.

In two seasons with the Cowboys, Croft helped OSU to a pair of postseason appearances, including reaching the second round of the 1998 NCAA Tournament He then moved on to Maryland Eastern Shore for one year before spending four seasons (1999-2000 to 2002-03) at Washington State. Croft was also the head coach for the Planet Basketball All-Star Team that toured New Zealand in the summer of 2001.

Croft received a bachelor's degree in coaching and sports administration from Southern Miss in 1995 and earned a master's degree in human performance in 1996. He completed his doctoral degree in educational leadership and administration through UTEP in 2008.

He is a 1993 honor graduate of ECCC, where he received numerous honors including his selection to the College's Hall of Fame.

## *New 'Bank' Scholarship at ECCC*

The Land Banks of Mississippi/Farm Credit Bank of Texas Scholarship was recently established at East Central Community College.

The first annual award provides a $500 scholarship for a student majoring in the areas of agriculture, forestry, business or business administration.

Recipients must also be a full-time student in good standing or an incoming freshman, who meet the additional scholarship guidelines.

The award recipient will be selected by the College's Scholarship Committee.

For more information contact ECCC Student Services, 601.635.2111 or call toll free, 877.462.3222, ext. 205.

# *Ann Burkes: A True Patriot*

***Special to The Warrior by Richelle Putnam***

Since the passing of her husband, Roger, one of Ann Burkes' goals was to find the perfect place to donate his fiction paperbacks. Now, this may seem like as easy task, but Roger Clower Burkes was an avid reader, reading at least one book per day for many years. His library was extensive and when I say extensive, I don't mean 500 books. I don't mean 1,000 books or even 5,000 books.

Seven thousand five hundred twenty paperbacks filled the many boxes in Ann's garage. This number doesn't include Roger's hardback books on hunting and fishing, kite building, photography, wood working, and quantum mechanics, which still grace the bookshelves in their Newton County home.

Ann's attempts to donate these paperbacks to several organizations were to no avail. However, when she attended the March meeting of the Newton County Historical and Genealogical Society (NCHGS), member Ralph Gordon requested books from other NCHGS members for the Mississippi Writers Guild (MWG) "Books for Vets" program. Ann's husband had faithfully served his country in the United States Army and for his books to find their way into the hands of veterans would be another heavenly reward for Roger Burkes. Ann was about to accomplish her goal.

MWG Vice President, Ralph Gordon, and MWG Executive Director, Daniel Lee, have delivered over 5,500 of Roger's books to Veteran Homes in Mississippi and Tennessee, donating the remainder of the 7,520 books to the American Legion Post 89 for their project in shipping books overseas to American troops.

Ann and Roger, both readers and lovers of photography, were happily married for forty-three years. Ann worked as a librarian in the Hickory and Meridian Public School Systems, and went on to East Central Community College where she retired as Library Director in 2001. Her entire life has been surrounded by books!

"I had the privilege of being one of Ann's students at East Central Community College and working with her on the book Veterans of World War II, Newton County Mississippi," says Ralph Gordon. "I know how passionate she is about those who served in the military. Ann Burkes is a true patriot."

Ann Burkes

"A lot of loading and unloading went into delivering all of the books," says Daniel Lee, "but that time and labor was well spent."

In closing, Ann is not just a giver of books. She donates time to her church, community, many worthy causes, and to anyone who needs a helping hand during trying times. You don't have to be Ann's friend for her to help you. However, it won't take long to become a friend, because Ann allows no boundaries or walls between people.

## *Smith Celebrates '100th Birthday'*

Frances Harris Smith of Decatur celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this year. She is the sole surviving member of East Central Community College's first graduating class in 1930.



# *Dwayne Warwick: Mississippi Artist*

***by Ovid Vickers***

"Girl by a Window," "Nain Measuring Milk," "Maiden's Meadow," and "River Home": these are among the titles of original works by Mississippi artist Dwayne Warwick. Warwick, who makes his home in Carthage, Mississippi, and Springville, Tennessee, graduated from East Central Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Upon graduating from USM in 1961, he taught sixth grade in Florence, Arizona. He then left the teaching profession and enrolled in the Harris School of Advertising Art in Nashville. There he met fellow art student Henrietta Green. They married two years later and worked as graphic illustrators in the aerospace industry in Huntsville, Ala. Following the completion of the "man on the moon" mission and following his dream of becoming a self-sustaining artist, Warwick moved to Nashville and began painting and exhibiting in regional art shows throughout the South.

It is rare that an artist is able to support himself and a family through the sale of his work. Warwick's work is of such a caliber that galleries across the South have been eager to display his paintings and his work is still much in demand.

When asked at what age he realized he had an interest in art, he responded with this story. "When I was five or six, my mother took me to the zoo where I was fascinated by the elephants. When we returned home, I sat down with pencil and paper and drew pictures of an elephant from several angles. Mother encouraged me to continue drawing, and I have been drawing and painting ever since."

Warwick comes from a family of teachers. During his growing up years, his mother and father both taught in Mississippi and Arizona. His parents were very supportive of his desire to devote his life to the field of art. He also received encouragement from teachers during his college years. "I owe much," Warwick says, "to Charles Ambrose of the University of Southern Mississippi. While his drawing tutelage disciplined my technique, it was his art history classes which fostered my interest in the classical art of past centuries."

Concerning his work and his painting technique, Warwick says, "I think most people have little idea of the work which goes into conceiving and executing a painting. For me, painting is not an effortless exercise. Painting is both an emotional and mental struggle. It is like going to a destination on a tight wire. The work produced is the culmination of the struggle to stay on the wire."

It is difficult for anyone who is familiar with Warwick's work to believe that he would in any way be anxious or uncertain about his work. The soft use of color, the harmony of line and form, the acuteness of his perspective, and the positioning of characters and their accoutrements hark back to the European masters of the seventeenth century. If the viewer detects the influence of the Dutch painters of the 1600s, that influence is intentional. Warwick often speaks of his admiration of such painters as Vermeer and Rembrandt.

It is amazing that Warwick is able to produce the outstanding work he has done in the past and continues to do. He is to a great degree self taught. His formal training ended when he received his bachelor's degree. There is no question about it; he possesses a great deal of natural talent. He has continued throughout his career to study and visit museums in order to learn from the works of recognized artists.

Dwayne Warwick

"Musicians are more fortunate than artists," Warwick says. "The notes of Bach and Beethoven are available for music students to study, but the old masters left few records of their painting techniques, methods and formulas. The real knowledge of traditional painting and how it was executed is not widespread."

Warwick admits that he does not like to paint in the mornings. "I like to paint late in the day," he said. "In Tennessee where I do the major portion of my work, the light and shadows of the afternoon have great appeal to me. I like to take photographs of a scene and then paint from the photograph. In that way, I am able to capture the light which appeals to me. With a photograph, the exact scene that I wanted to capture is frozen in time. I also set scenes up with models and then paint from that arrangement. My painting 'Nain Measuring Milk' is an example of this technique."

Warwick's work is not only sought by private collectors. He has works hanging in several professional and corporate offices, including the Peoples Bank in Tupelo and the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Warwick's work has been exhibited at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, Anchorage, Alaska; Bryant Galleries, Birmingham, Ala., and Jackson; and the Evansville Art Museum, Evansville, Ind. His work was also the subject of a beautifully-illustrated article in the Nashville Magazine.

Warwick fondly remembers his years at East Central. He is the father of two grown children. Following the death of his children's mother, he married the former Bobbie Ruth Oliphant of Carthage, also an East Central graduate. They divide their time between Tennessee and Mississippi. Warwick likes to paint in Tennessee, and his time in Mississippi is spent relaxing and collecting ideas for future paintings.

# *Shackelford Excelling in Engineering Programs*

James Casey Shackelford, a 2006 East Central Community College graduate and member of the ECCC Hall of Fame, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from Mississippi State University on May 2, 2009.

While attending East Central (2004-2006), Shackelford was the chapter president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, the chapter president of Mu Alpha Theta, a member of the President's Council and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society.

After transferring to Mississippi State University, Shackelford excelled in his field. He became a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Gamma Tau and Tau Beta Pi, and he achieved the Tricolor Award for the Bent Competition sponsored by Tau Beta Pi.

Shackelford was also a member of the Design-Build-Fly Team at MSU. After designing and building a model aircraft, the team attended and presented this project at the 2008 AIAA Region II Conference at Cape Canaveral in Orlando, Fla.

After completing his junior year at MSU in 2008, Shackelford completed his internship at Lockheed Martin's Propulsion Manufacturing Center at the Stennis Space Center in Hancock County.

He has been accepted into the Graduate School of Engineering at Mississippi State University. He is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering with a concentration in aerodynamics while working in Mississippi State's Research Center.

As Shackelford reflected on his education, he said that he owes much of his success to three key instructors at East Central Community College.

Casey Shackelford

"Ms. Gloria McRae taught me Calculus I, II, III and IV, and I use it every day; Ms. Gail Fulton taught me Differential Equations, and Dr. Graham taught me calculus-based Physics I and II. I will never be able to express my gratitude to these instructors; they gave me the academic background I needed."

*Eugene Culpepper (left) wrote the poem at far right about his friend Lyle Tate (right) last fall. They are both from Forest and are members of the ECCC Class of 1942.*

## Fishing

*by Eugene Culpepper*

I love to go fishing
Especially with Lyle Tate.
When he says "Let's go fishing"
I can hardly wait.

He knows where they're biting
And they usually do.
Sometimes we catch a bundle
Sometimes just a few.
I always try to beat him
But I never do.

He always catches more crappie
Sometimes I catch more brim
But I couldn't go fishing
If it wasn't for him.



# *3rd Annual Warrior Fitness Challenge: Homecoming 5K Run/Walk*

Saturday, October 3, 2009

**$10 per participant**

Mail completed form and entry fee to:
ECCC Alumni Association
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327

- Run/Walk starts at 7:30 a.m. on the North Campus of ECCC near the Chris Gay IV Memorial Baseball Field/Jamie Clark Stadium. The 5K Run/Walk is out over the campus of ECCC
- T-shirt and medallion to all participants
- Trophies to overall male and female winners and top two finishers in each age group

***For more information contact:***
***Dr. Phillip Crenshaw***
***East Central Community College***
***P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327***
***601-635-2111 ext. 281***
***E-mail: pcrenshaw@eccc.edu***

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Sex _____ Age on Race Day _____

*I know that running/walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run/walk. I assume all risks associated with running/walking in this event including, but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release East Central Community College and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participating in this event. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.*

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Date

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Signature (Parent or Guardian if under 18)

Please Circle one:
5K Run or 5K Walk

Please Circle One:
T-shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## 2010 NOMINATION FOR ALUMNUS/ALUMNA OF THE YEAR *

Name:_____ Maiden_____

Years Attended, Graduated EC:_____

Address:_____

Phone (w)_____(h)_____

High School Graduated From:_____ County_____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From_____ Years_____

Work Experience:
Place Position Dates

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Contributions to College/and to Community:_____

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Professional Affiliations and Honors:_____

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Family:_____

Spouse:_____ Maiden Name_____

Did spouse attend EC ___ Yes ___ No, If yes, Years Attended/Graduated_____

Children & Ages:_____

Attach additional information, if needed.

Return to: Alumni Association
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327-0129
Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 327

Deadline: July 1, 2010

Name (of Alumnus/Alumna submitting nomination)
_____Maiden_____
Address_____
_____
Phone (h)_____ (w)_____
Years attended/graduated EC_____

***Applications are good for two consecutive years. Additional info about nominees is encouraged. Attach info to this form. Selection is based primarily on print materials received.***



EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## 2010 NOMINATION FOR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME *

Name:_____ Maiden_____

Years Attended_____ ECCC Graduation Date:_____

Address:_____

Phone: (work)_____(home)_____

High School:_____County_____

Sports Lettered In & Honors Received In Community College:_____

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College attended after ECCC:_____

Sports Lettered In and Honors Received At Senior College/University Level:_____

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Work Experience:
Place Position Dates

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Name (of person submitting nomination)
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Address_____
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Phone (h)_____ (w)_____
Years attended/graduated EC_____

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Cline Watkins '63
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Kate F. Thomas '55
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Lyle Tate '42
Lisa Taylor '96
Donald Triplett '55
Joe '78 and Dorothy Vance '78
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(July 2008 – June 2009)

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| Leake County | $ 750.00 |
| Neshoba County | 1,020.00 |
| Newton County | 2,212.00 |
| Scott County | 1,020.00 |
| Winston County | 540.00 |
| Out-of-District | 4,860.00 |
| TOTAL | $10,402.00 |

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Brent Bailey '90

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## ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

*($10,000.00 Minimum required to endow; contributions may be any amount)*

**AT&T ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

AT&T
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**CLAYTON BLOUNT SCHOLARSHIP**

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Dr. John and Lisa Harrison
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Given in memory of Martha Kate Tullos Hummel '58
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Given in memory of Carl Baxter Cooper '59
Lester '57 and Eugenia Baucum '57
Leonard Keith Blalock '57
Charles H. Brand '57
Mickey '57 and Aleathea Burdette '56
Given in memory of Tom Chisholm
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Given in honor of the Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959
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Given in honor of the Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959
William "Bill" Loyd '58
Given in memory of Janet Denson Schaeffer
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James C. '59 and Shirley R. Sawyer '58
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Johnny N. Smith '59
Given in memory of Carl Cooper '59
William H. Smith '58
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Dorothy L. Thomas '59
Given in memory of Robert Oren Thomas
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Jeanette B. Thrash '58
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Dr. Clyde V. Williams '57

**CLASS OF 1964 SCHOLARSHIP**

Jerald P. Everett '64

**AARON R. DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Lisa O'Neill

**RICHARD L. HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Dr. Harold S. Aycock '64

**SYLVIA ANN GRAHAM HAYWOOD ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Dr. William T. Haywood

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Larry Hogue '61
Given in memory of Gusta Brantley Peoples

**ALBERT F. & FANNIE M. HOLLINGSWORTH SCHOLARSHIP**

Fannie M. Hollingsworth

**MARTHA KATE TULLOS HUMMEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Don Hummel

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**JAMES E. LAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Dr. Harold S. Aycock '64

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Clyde Valentine '65
Dr. William E. Wheeler '72

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James M. '57 and Patsy Vance '57

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*(Contributions placed in memory of Walter Arno Vincent)*
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Dr. Beverly A. Oliphant-Martin '58
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Wyatt J. Davis, Jr. '51
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## PARTIALLY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS
**($10,000 GOAL)**

**STELLA DICKERSON TECHNICAL HONOR SCHOLARSHIP**
*($1,520 Raised)*
Sharon LeJeune

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# Warrior Club Contributions
**(January 2008-December 2008)**

## LEAKE COUNTY
**Chief**
Cox & Powers Insurance Agency, Inc. (Carthage)
**Brave**
Danny Allen '69
Ide B. Dickens, Jr. '40
William E. Kitchings
Pete Lucovich '73
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**Young Brave**
Gloria McRae '69
**Papoose**
Gilbert Barham '74
W. B. Jones
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**Brave**
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Tom Johnson '72
Steve Nelson '68
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Union Junction (Philadelphia)
Sid '76 and Mickie Williams
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Bernita Reynolds '95
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Terry '67 and Judy Fleming
Clarence V. Mitchell '41
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**Super Chief**
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Chris Harris '76
Ricky Harrison '78
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Decatur Lions Club
La-Z-Boy South (Newton)
Newton Regional Hospital
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**Super Brave**
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Kenneth Dunagin '58
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Marty '90 and Stacey Hollingsworth '93
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Patrick and Dianne O'Neill
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Joey Kenna
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Billy R. Lovett '57
Doris W. Mowrey '41
Haywood Reeves '67
Lyle Tate '42
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**Young Brave**
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Kenneth Everett '89
Drew Kenna '04
**Papoose**
Ralph Brown
Myra M. Davis '79
Annie Stowers

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**Chief**
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**Super Brave**
James T. "Jim" Wood '49
Lucille Wood '51
**Brave**
Gene Davis '70
Jerry L. Hill '70
**Young Brave**
Speedy '76 and Jamie Calvert '82
William E. Donald '53
Randal Livingston
Jerry Nance '69
**Papoose**
Robert and Carol Higginbotham
Anthony Stanford '05

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**Super Chief**
Van '63 and Betty Chancellor '63
James L. Crosby '55
M. E. "Boe" Davis, Jr. '55
Earl '56 and Bobbie Marshall '57
Given in memory of Pam Harris
Given in memory of Sherrell Marshall
Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Muse '49
Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97
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**Super Brave**
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George Hubert Moore '64
John '55 and Jobyna Rushing '55
CAT The Rental Store (Hattiesburg)
W. Arno Vincent '37
**Brave**
Lester '57 and Eugenia C. Baucum '57
Leonard K. Blalock '57
Charlie Brand '57
T. C. Cannon '57
Capital Oil, Inc. (Jackson)
Mel '54 and Mary Etta Carpenter '54
Wyatt J. Davis, Jr. '51
William L. Freeman, Jr. '64
Dr. and Mrs. James D. Gordon '56
Steve and Pam Hampton '89
Max Huey '65
Bill Majure '57
Raymond McMullan '57
Molly F. Morris '43
Larry Savell '57
Dr. Michael W. Waldrop '68
Dr. Gerald Walton '54
Ruth W. Wilson '53
**Young Brave**
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Lewis B. Bradford '02
Charles A. Carter '43
Billy T. Chisolm '61
Sara C. Crawford '49
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Pellon Morris '43
John Mutziger D.O.
Houston Patrick '54
Charlie '63 and Dee Payne '64
Billy Ray Smith '48
Gayle Hunt Smith '60

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## *An Endowed Scholarship is a Gift of a Lifetime…*

The following scholarships have been established in the East Central Community College Foundation office and with your help can reach endowed status:

- Stella Dickerson Technical Honor Scholarship
  The purpose of the scholarship is to honor Mrs. Stella Dickerson, a computer technology instructor at East Central. According to one of her students who initiated the scholarship drive, "this scholarship is named in Mrs. Dickerson's honor for the countless hours she spends instructing students."
- John Grace Scholarship
  The purpose of the scholarship is to honor John Grace, an outstanding coach and mentor and to provide a scholarship each year for a student at East Central.

To make a contribution mail to:
East Central Community College Foundation
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327

*(Please be sure to designate your contribution to a specific scholarship fund.)*

For more information on how to establish an annual or endowed scholarship at East Central, contact the Foundation office at 601-635-6327.

**WARRIOR** (Continued from page 59)

Given in honor of Miss Lucille Wood
Dr. Karl D. Smith '59
Billy '52 and Faye Tidwell
Wallace M. Wall '52
John Charles '55 and Sara Williams '56
Melvin Wooten '69

**Papoose**
Brent Bailey '90
Janie M. Blasingame '82
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Charlie Reeves '73
Max Rich '54
Aaron B. Rives '55
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Martha Janice H. Thrash '49
Dolphus '52 and Sybil Williamson '52

**Warrior Club 2008 Contributions (January 2008 – December 2008)**

| | |
|---|---|
| EC Employee Payroll Deductions | $ 4,761.00 |
| Leake County | 1,200.00 |
| Neshoba County | 6,379.96 |
| Newton County | 24,502.07 |
| Scott County | 2,720.00 |
| Winston County | 1,400.00 |
| Out-of-District | 15,104.60 |
| Warrior Club Banquet | 1,700.00 |
| Total | $57,767.63 |

## Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959 Reunion Information

The Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 at East Central Community College will have their annual reunion during homecoming activities on Saturday, October 3, 2009. The ECJC Class of 1959 will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of their time at East Central and each student who was a sophomore in 1959 will receive a "Golden Diploma," whether or not he or she actually walked across the stage on graduation night.

The celebration begins on Friday night, October 2, at 7 p.m. with a dinner-reunion for all three classes in the Gold Room of ECCC's Mabry Cafeteria. Participatiing in the program will be Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC President, retired English instructor Ovid Vickers and Lucille Wood, instructor and chair of the Division of Business, Education and Social Sciences.

An endowed scholarship in the name of these three classes has been established and has successfully reached the goal of $25,000. The committee, which was established in 2007 to spearhead this endeavor, has done a great job. The first scholarship was awarded for the 2009 fall semester. We hope that you will continue to make donations to East Central's scholarship program.

Please complete the form below and return it so that plans for the Friday night dinner can be completed.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Hollingsworth in the ECCC Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations at 601-635-6327 or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check Enclosed: _____
(Friday evening meal is $15 per person.)

Donation to Scholarship: _____

In honor of: _____

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## Warrior Club Contributions
**(January 2009-August 2009)**

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Jimmy C. Dempsey
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Bobby R. Gaines '67
Mary Kate Garvin
Norman Gillis
Faye C. Henley
Ola Hunter
Given in memory of Homer Hunter
Molly McGee '74
Robert C. Murff
Karen Robertson '87
Randy Rushing '83
Ovid and Carol Vickers '58
Jack H. Winstead '56

### SCOTT COUNTY

**Chief**
Jerry Wooten '72

**Super Brave**
James and Rebecca Farris

**Brave**
Ralph Brown, Jr. '72
Joey Kenna
Leach Brothers Brokerage, Inc. (Forest)
Billy R. Lovett '57
George '67 and Jo Taylor '67
Michael L. Wade
Rita J. Waggoner '61

**Young Brave**
Drew '04 and Kery M. Kenna '04
James C. Sawyer, Jr. '59
Joe Tadlock '71

**Papoose**
Larry J. Bradford '70
Ralph Brown
Kenneth Everett '89
Fay's Accounting & Tax Service, Inc. (Sebastopol)
Bubby Johnston
Sebastopol Finance, LLC
Anthony Stanford '05

### WINSTON COUNTY

**Super Brave**
Ron Perkins '98
James T. "Jim" Wood '49

**Brave**
Gene Davis '70
W. Mark Donald, D.M.D. Family Dentistry (Louisville)
Kathy Humphries
Given in memory of Roy King Humphries

**Young Brave**
Walter L. '49 and Anna J. Allen '50
William E. Donald '53
Randal Livingston

**Papoose**
Jim Nabers '76

### OUT-OF-DISTRICT

**Super Chief**
M.E. "Boe" Davis, Jr. '55
Earl Marshall '56
Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97

**Chief**
Van '63 and Betty Chancellor '63
Wilmer James '57
Hal Presley '77

**Super Brave**
Ursula M. Breaux
Given in memory of Richard "Ricky" Breaux
Cheryl Comans '81
Thomas E. Hannah '58
Max Huey '65
Judge Little
US Tennis Association, Inc. (White Plains, NY)

**Brave**
Lester '57 and Eugenia Baucum '57
Leonard K. Blalock '57
Raymond Carter '58
Given in memory of Charles "Scoot" Ward
Cheatham Eye Care, LLC (West Point)
Wyatt J. Davis, Jr. '51
George Sills Engineering, LLC (Vicksburg)
Steve and Pam Hampton '89
Landscape Management Group (Hattiesburg)
Raymond '57 and Lois McMullan '60
J. R. "Randy" Miles '60
Dr. Clyde Muse '49
Gwendoline S. Newman '52
In memory of Jack B. Spivey '51
Charlie '63 and Dee Payne '64
James Curt Pouncey '69
Luther Rives '62
Larry Savell '57
Specialty Interiors, LLC (Brandon)
Tri-State Brick and Tile Company (Jackson)
Sherry M. Wood '56
Working Solutions (Meridian)
Lucy Young '71

**Young Brave**
Mel '54 and Mary Etta Carpenter '54
Billy Chisolm '61
Adam Foreman '02
Everette G. Fox '61
Timothy C. Hamil '78
A. J. Kilpatrick '52
Wanda McPhail '71
Max Rich '54
Donald T. Rigler '51
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rigsby
Wallace '52 and Edith Wall
Dr. Gerald Walton '54

**Papoose**
Brent Bailey '90

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# *Founders Gym Renovation Fund*

## *Donor Pledge Form*

*Donor Information (Please Print)*

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ Telephone (Business) _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____ Class Year: _____

*Pledge Information: (Check All That May Apply)*

__One-Time Donation, In the Amount of: $_____

__Multi-Year Donation, As Follows:

A sum of $_____ per year _____ Years (For a total of $_____)

__Matching Gift Eligible: Does your employer match donations? If so, please enclose a signed matching gift form from your employer.

__ I (we) wish to have the gift remain anonymous. __ I (we) wish to volunteer time and ideas to this project.

*Method of Payment:*

__ Check Enclosed, Please Make Check Payable To: ECCC Foundation, Inc.

__ Credit/Debit Card

__ Visa __ Mastercard

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

__ Contact Me

***Please forward completed form and payment to:***
***ECCC Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327***
***or fax to 601-635-4011 or e-mail to sholling@eccc.edu***

**CLUB** (Continued from page 61)

Sara C. Crawford '49
Imogene Davis '43
James E. Fisackerly '58
Rosalyn R. Folks '64
Jamie E. Harrell '49
Jerry Johnson '73
James D. Lowery '56
Dr. Robert G. McCrory '50
David E. McKeehan, Sr. '58
Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Clyde Mills '58
D. J. Nobinger
Given in honor of Terry Cannon
Derek C. Pouncey
J. Edward Rainer '67
Madeline Strahan '54
Ken Stidham '64
James M. Vance '57
Bettie R. Vermilya '52
Sara L. Williams '56

**Warrior Club 2009**
**Contributions By County**
**(January 2009 – July 2009)**

| | |
|---|---|
| EC Employee Payroll Deductions | $1,990.40 |
| Leake County | 875.00 |
| Neshoba County | 2,605.81 |
| Newton County | 6,188.92 |
| Scott County | 4,591.48 |
| Winston County | 960.00 |
| Out-of-District | 12,007.65 |
| Total | $29,219.26 |

*These open archways are one of the many features the College hopes to be able restore during the renovation of Founders' Gymnasium.*

# Please Help Find These Alumni!

The Alumni Office does not have a current mailing address for the following alumni and friends of the College. If you have any information regarding their whereabouts, please e-mail the Alumni Office at sholling@eccc.edu or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327 (within Mississippi) or telephone 601-635-6327. Thank you for your help!

**Mississippi**

**Bailey**
Chreyl Diane Goodman '02
Hazel Terry

**Brandon**
Lewis Burklan Bradford
Lucile C. Furgerson
Sarah Catherine Martin '04
Cherisha Holcombe Smith

**Byram**
Lashanta T. Lyles

**Canton**
Dameon Laquintis Brown '07
Amy Wade

**Carthage**
Kayla Jean Atkinson '05
Scarlett V. Babb '83
Johnathan William Fortenberry
Sonya Mangum Hardage '06
Tammy M. Jordan '04
Krystol Y. McCool '02
Deborah McNabb McInnish '04
Steve Christopher Ricks '96
Angie Sue Savell
Laura Johnson Sharp
Sandy D. Stewart '04
Warren L. Wilson '02
Kimberly Satcher Withers '06

**Choctaw**
Melinda Marie Ben '04
Wendy Thompson Phillips
Daven Todd Willis '07

**Chunky**
Oliver Austin Clair '65

**Cleveland**
Mary Alice Pettey Reese '41

**Clinton**
Maxine Virginia Crowe Pickle
Billy Ray Smith '48
Vicki Smith
Dr. Michael W. Waldrop

**Collinsville**
Ryan Keith Hull

**Columbia**
Dr. Charles Duane Burgess '52

**Columbus**
Gayla Penson Pearl '97
Amanda J. Stanton '01

**Conehatta**
Frederick J. Conrad '99
Julie Conrad '00
Joe E. Green
Shavon Lane Lewis '05
Kristen Lynn Willis '03

**Decatur**
Linda Sue Baskin '80
Stephanie Suzanne Baskin '96
Kendall Jordan Boler
Jessica Ann Clark
Heather Lynn Clearman
Alexandra Lee Harris '08
Nicole Noelle Harvey
Kizzy Lucinda Miller '05
Kenyatta L. Russell
Jerri Sow
Ernest W. Spivey '06
Samuel Sullivan Thames '06
Darlene Hutchinson Therrien
Ashley E. Thorne
Christopher D. VanEtten
DeKalb
James T. Eldridge '96

**Ellisville**
James Taylor '59

**Forest**
Todrick Jabbar Body
Robert Christian
Santigous N. Culpepper
Queena P. Gage '08
Catina Raylynn Graham
Christopher L. Haralson
Percy Wilson Parker '01
Trilandra L. Ware

**Greenwood**
Mary G. Stubbs '07

**Grenada**
Kimuel D. Boyd '92

**Gulfport**
Darla Dawn Loftis

**Hattiesburg**
Marina Carter
Frances Nicholson Lovitt '41

**Hickory**
Christopher Lyn Boose '06
Cynthia Salone Boose
Shanekia Rosha Coleman
Viola Dade '99
Lalyendia Evorn Matthews
Tina Louise Mize '02

**Horn Lake**
Evonne McKenzie Edwards

**Isola**
Kathryn Denson Garrard

**Jackson**
Lonnie Barrier
Whitney Odessa Salter '96
Jim Wilkerson

**Kosciusko**
Regina Ramage Gant '99
Amy Morris Lindsay
Earl Tinerald Truss '97
Toby Tyler

**Lake**
George Simmons Boyles
Tasha Nicole Dansby '03
Nancy Katherine Havard

**Lawrence**
Timothy Lee Blackburn '06
Brad Cornelius Evans '96
Quincy C. Walker '88

**Lena**
Joshua Everette Denson
Amber Johnson
Christopher John Watkins

**Little Rock**
Brooke Michele Jenkins '05
Dana Clark Posey

**Louisville**
Twanda Lowery Brazzle '04
Alex Lee Brown
Clintarius D. Coleman
Laerica Kenya Davenport
Virginia Hardin
Chris David Hemphill
Ashley N. Howard
Frances Fulton Jarvis '41
Tracey D. McCracken '04
Jim R. McMillin
Todd David Mullins '00
Edgar Lawrence Reed '77
Corey D. Rogers
Takeisha N. Triplett
Tara L. Yarbrough '00

**Macon**
Jordan Leigh Taylor '08

**Mantee**
Marie Johnson

**Marion**
Tekisha Sears Neal '06

**McComb**
Earline Whitehead '41

**Meridian**
Shanna Alexander Anthony '00
Latrycia D. Brown '07
Rosalind Evans Buckalew
Lukelvin Chambers '96
Marquis Dewayne Harris
Lamario Lavester Hopson
Sharon King
Tim Lofton
Leigh Ann Morrow
Joffre Renaud '93
Tara Lynn Renaud '97
Edith Joelle Roberson
Connie Thompson Roland '98
Heather Elaine Taylor
Shelia Renee Trussell '01
Christopher Scott Walker

**Mize**
Jennifer Lovell Harrell

**Morton**
Maggie Nell Amos
Howard Kevin Hayman
Brandy Nicole Townsend '02
Angelia Roxanne Warnsley '99

**Newton**
Kim Seepe Beatty '80
Annie B. Evans '94
Kyle Hammond
Christopher L. Hillie '95
Dennis Stephen Jay
Franklin Dewayne Lewis '04
Stacey Lachelle McNeil '07
Vertis Williams Mosley '97
Shenikia Love Nelson '00
Stephanie Marie Pace '07
Truitt Martin Pace '03
Kyoko Bilan Walker '02
Stephanie Croft Wallace '05

**Noxapater**
Stormy Arnold Burnham
Geraldine Kemp Carter '40
Pamela Russell Jarosz

**Ocean Springs**
Eddie Ray Loper Findlay

**Oxford**
Joshua McNeill '00

**Pearl**
Moncreath M. Kennedy '47
Mary A. Moore

**Pelahatchie**
Victor S. Parker '97

**Perkinston**
Brenda A. Batey

**Philadelphia**
Emily Christina Alford '93
Jamie Heflin Bassett '02
Bostic Baxstrum '73
Shaneaka Lashae Cistrunk '04
Ricky Michael Cook '92
Laura Fulton Creekmore '85
Kimberly Diane T. Farve
Esco Brewer Fulton '37
Willie Gray '43
Dominetrix Franchesca Hunter
Lisa Cole Hutchins '01
Amber Ladale Matthews '04
Jesse Olen May '48
Linda R. McMillan '05
Christopher Brian Mowdy '95
Heather Palmer
Sandra Simpson Partridge
Dustin Gregory Renfrow '01
Tiffany S. Stack '06
Bryant Rajshan Steele '03
Cassidy Thompson '03
Deborah Lynn Wallace

**Pulaski**
Barbara Bradford Parker '02

**Quitman**
William Preston James '05

**Ridgeland**
Alicia Shumaker Sanford

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# Renew Your Alumni Association Membership

It's time once again to renew your commitment to the East Central Community College Alumni Association. Thanks to past support by loyal alumni and friends, the Association was able to fund three full-tuition scholarships for deserving EC students.

Your annual Alumni Association contributions help to continue the growth of the Association and to benefit the next generation of alumni. Membership dues run on a fiscal year basis (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010). Annual dues are $10 single and $15 joint, or you may pay your lifetime membership dues, $100 single lifetime or $150 joint lifetime. If you are already a lifetime member, please consider making a general donation to the Alumni Association.

Checks should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association and mailed to P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

**LOST** (Continued from page 63)

Nell P. Stone
Bradley Glenn Sullivan '98
Dixie Walton
**Sebastopol**
Mary Williams Barton '08
Malissa Bryant '04
John Dean Williams '88
**Shubuta**
Chadrick O'Neal Warren '02
**Southaven**
Angie Alderman '62
Carey Alderman '62
**Starkville**
Jonathan Eric Dennis
Edward Reemeeus Devroede
Lindsey Danielle McKay
**Sturgis**
Jana Wylie '00
**Terry**
Misti Leigh Harrell '99
**Union**
Tanya Lynn Carpenter '96
Nancy Case
Henery Sullivan Grady
Morgan Darlene Hamm '07
Ed Ogletree
Dalton Russell '77
Max Sessums
Elizabeth Diane Smith '06
**Walls**
Brandi Crowell Denson '01
**Walnut Grove**
Heather Leeann Ray '08
**Wesson**
Heidi Wallen '02
**West Point**
Edie Clarke

## Alabama
**Brewton**
Martha G. Baxter '58
**Enterprise**
Sally Johnston Butler
**Birmingham**
Shannon Wayde Dodson '91
Michael Lester Mason '83
**Bryant**
Linda Lindsey Jeffcoats '65
**Mobile**
Terry Jenkins
Sarah Paschal '36
**Tuscaloosa**
Taquan Jamarr Lowe '07
**Hoover**
Dennis Carey Russell
**Albertville**
Nonya Reed Shaw

## Arizona
**Tuscon**
Jeremy Nathan Smith '99

## Arkansas
**Bentonville**
Daniel Lemont Arrington '97
**Little Rock**
Matthew Warren Strum

## California
**Galt**
Jesse Davis

## Colorado
**Castle Rock**
Amy Walker Lott

## Florida
**Gainesville**
Dr. Carl E. Beeman
**Niceville**
Bill Loper
**Pensacola**
Lynda Jones McFarland '85
**Panama City**
Courtney Leigh Rushing '04
**Talahassee**
Monica L. Sanders '04

## Georgia
**Atlanta**
Richard Parker Blackburn '98
**Metter**
Nannie Carol Buntin Booth '65
**Roswell**
Frances Chason ' 45
Williston L. Chason '45
**Rome**
Nelson L. Dove '40
**Stone Mountain**
Andre Devail Sias '02
**Bainbridge**
Susan R. Wood

## Louisiana
**New Iberia**
Seth Adams Hebert '98
**Gonzales**
Cary Vincent Lambert '96
**Lafayette**
Herbert Montgomery, Jr.
**Shreveport**
Ross Tyler Pine
**Springfield**
Melody L. Reed '96
**Breaux Bridge**
Sandra Jones Sharpe '67

## Montana
**Rogersville**
Dale Ford

## New Mexico
**Albuquerque**
Benjamin Leslie Johnson '69

## New York
**Binghamton**
Valeria Ann Gibbs

## North Carolina
**Chapel Hill**
Nan Harbour Burby

## Ohio
**Cincinnati**
Hazel Roberts Castle

## Oklahoma
**Lawson**
Dixi Sloan

## Pennsylvania
**Levittown**
Cyrus C-Max Doe

## Texas
**Carrollton**
Ralph Kinard Barham
**Houston**
Fred Hanna '60
**Mansfield**
Kelly Lynn Hudson '03
**Meadowlakes**
Glenda Chapman Moore '58

## Virginia
**Haymarket**
Kristi Gordon '96
Ronnie Dewayne Parker '81
**Fort Lee**
Kenneth McWilliams '02



# Obituaries

### Willis Clayton Blount
Willis Clayton Blount, 86, a Decatur native, died Feb. 28, 2009, at Anderson's Hospital in Meridian. Funeral services were held March 3, 2009, at the Newton County Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was held in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Philadelphia. Blount is remembered as a successful athlete and coach having been inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at East Central Community College and East Mississippi Community College, for coaching two nationally ranked boys' basketball teams at ECCC and a nationally ranked girl's team at EMCC.

### James H. Boutwell
James H. Boutwell (Class of 1941) of Newton died April 19, 2009. Boutwell was a WWII Veteran and was retired from the Air National Guard's 186th Tactical Reconnaissance Group in Meridian. He also retired as a supervisor at La-Z-Boy and was a cattle and timber farmer.

### Rayburn Breazeale
Rayburn Breazeale, 72, of Philadelphia, died April 11, 2009, in Neshoba County General Hospital. Funeral services were held April 13, 2009 at the chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Home with burial in Arlington Cemetery. Breazeale was a member and a deacon of Arlington Baptist Church. He was retired from Wells-Lamont Corporation.

### Elaine C. Castles
Elaine Clearman Castles, 88, of Little Rock, died Feb. 4, 2009. Funeral services for the Newton County native were held Feb. 6, 2009 at the Chunky Cemetery. Castles spent her professional career as a teacher, including 11 years at West Lauderdale Elementary School, 16 years at Beulah Hubbard Elementary School and one year at Smith County. She was a member for many years of Duffee Baptist Church and later of Center Ridge Baptist Church.

### Ruth Chance
Ruth Chance, 72, a native of Jackson, died March 5, 2009, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland. Funeral services were held March 7, 2009 in the chapel of Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home with burial in Lakewood Memorial Park. She was a member of Parkway Baptist Church.

### Roy S. Colquitt
Roy S. "Sutt" Colquitt (Class of 1948) died June 2, 2009 in Forest.

### Glenda H. Davis
Glenda Hollingsworth Davis (Class of 1958) of Decatur died April 23, 2009.

### Mildred Dearman
Mildred Dearman, 85, of Carthage, died Feb. 11, 2009. Funeral services were held at the Carthage United Methodist Church on Feb. 13, 2009 with interment in Harris Cemetery. Dearman served as executive editor of *The Carthaginian* until 2007 when she suffered a stroke. She was known throughout the state as an accomplished journalist, beginning her career in journalism, which spanned almost 50 years as a reporter at *The Carthaginian* in 1960.

### W.J. Dubose
W.J. Dubose, 83, of Laurel, died March 26, 2009, in Texas. Funeral services were held March 29, 2009, at Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel with interment at Lake Park Hills Cemetery, also in Laurel. Following graduation from East Central Community College, Dubose served as a weapons specialist in the United States Army. He later earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in geology.

### Mark Flemmons
Mark Alan Flemmons, age 51, of Merigold, died on Tues., June 16, 2009, at his residence after a long battle with a Lymphoma. For more than 25 years, he worked as a Senior electronics technician and manager of a local Motorola service shop. He was a former Peavey Electronic Technician for several years and taught electronic classes at East Central Community College. More recently, Flemmons served as a State Advocate giving speeches for the MS Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Funeral Services were held Friday June 19, 2009, at Morrison Chapel Baptist Church in Cleveland. Burial was in the North Cleveland Cemetery.

### Elizabeth Gatewood
Elizabeth Webb Gatewood, 92, of Forest, died Jan. 5, 2009, at Lackey Memorial Convalescent Home in Forest. Funeral services were held Jan. 7, 2009 at the Ott & Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Forest with interment at Hillsboro Baptist Church Cemetery. A Noxapater native, she was a home demonstration agent, a farmer and a substitute teacher. Gatewood was a member of Mount Olivet Baptist Church.

### Wayne Hudson
Wayne Hudson, 72, of Newton, died July 3, 2009, in his home. Funeral services were held July 7, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Newton. Hudson, a banker and Mississippi Army National Guardsman, was a member of the First Baptist Church of Newton.

### Milton Johnson
Milton Johnson, 80, died Feb. 13, 2009. Johnson was known as being the foundation of men's basketball for Chipola College in Florida. He won 628 games at Chipola from 1961 to 1993 and coached the Indians to seven national tournaments during the span. In all, he won more than 800 games, an accomplishment which landed him in the Bay County (Fla.) Sports Hall of Fame, Florida Community College Hall of Fame and the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

### Johnnie K. Jordan
Johnnie Keith Jordan, 84, of Carthage, died July 17, 2009, at Leake Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church in Carthage with burial in Leake Memorial Gardens. Jordan, a Mississippi Poultry Industry's Hall of Fame member, was a member of the First Baptist Church of Carthage for 50 years, where he had served on the board of trustees and as a deacon.

### Eloise M. Keith
Eloise Monroe Keith, 91, a native of Lawrence, died July 13, 2009, at Trinity HealthCare Center in Columbus. Funeral services were held July 15 at First United Methodist Church of Starkville with burial at Lawrence cemetery. She was a retired elementary school teacher.

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### Jack Kilgore

Jack Kilgore, 80, died Fri., Aug. 7, 2009, in Neshoba County. Services were held Monday, Aug. 10 in McClain-Hays Funeral Home in Philadelphia with burial in Cedarlawn Cemetery. He was retired from the Jackson Police Department and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

### Robert L. Kirby

Robert Leon Kirby, 74, of Tuscola, died Jan. 25, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services were held Jan. 27, 2009 at Tuscola Baptist Church with burial in Tuscola Cemetery. A native of Newton County, he was a graduate of East Central Junior College and served in the United States Army. He was a former member of Morrison Heights Baptist Church and a member of Tuscola Baptist Church at the time of his death.

### Gladys Leach

Gladys Leach, 100, of Carthage, a retired public school teacher, died April 11, 2009, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland. Funeral services were held April 14, 2009 at Wilcox Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Harris Cemetery. Leach was a member of the First Baptist Church of Carthage for more than 60 years.

### Alex Lewis

Ralph Alexander "Alex" Lewis, Jr. (Class of 1994) of Arizona and formerly of Philadelphia died March 30, 2009. He graduated from Neshoba Central High School and East Central Community College. He was also a member of the West Philadelphia Baptist Church.

### Dwight Long

Dwight Long of Union died April 29, 2009. He was the owner of Long's Building Materials of Decatur and Union for 20 years.

### Nancy McBrayer

Nancy McBrayer, 78, of Louisville, died April 14, 2009, at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson. Funeral services were held April 17, 2009 at Porter Funeral Home in Louisville, followed by burial in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Noxapater. McBrayer, a retired educator, taught in Mississippi public schools for 38 years, including Natchez, Noxapater and Ackerman.

### David McCool

David McCool, 89, of Louisville, died Jan. 10, 2009, at Select Specialty Hospital in Jackson, following a brief illness. Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 2009, at First United Methodist Church in Louisville. He was a native of Winston County and served many years in private practice as an accountant and later in practice with Joe Hodge, CPA. McCool was a member of First United Methodist Church in Louisville.

### James McKay, Sr.

James D. McKay, Sr., 70, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009., in Oktibbeha County Hospital in Starkville. He was a retired school teacherfor the Louisville School System and served four years in the U.S. Navy.

### William R. Mott

William Ronald Mott of Decatur died March 23, 2009. He was a retired Navy Chief, Navel engineer on ship building, and a retired electronics instructor at ECCC.

### Claud Ozborn

Claud M. Ozborn (Class of 1941) of Union died March 31, 2009. Ozborn served in the Army during WWII.

### F. Clinton Russell

Fred "Clinton" Russell, 75, of Decatur, died April 20, 2009, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson. Funeral services were held April 22, 2009, at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur, with burial in Decatur Cemetery. Russell worked as physical plant director at East Central Community College. He was a member of Gideon's International, Newton County Chapter.

### Malcolm M. Spence, Jr.

Malcolm McCagie Spence, Jr., 66, of Carthage, a purchasing agent for the state, died Jan. 11, 2009, at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Funeral services were held Jan. 14, 2009, at Wilcox Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Pine Grove Church of God Cemetery. Spence was a native of Newton County and a member of Pine Grove Church of God.

### Billy Ray Walters

Billy Ray Walters, 52, of Lake, died May 26, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services were held May 29, 2009, in the chapel of Wolf Funeral Home in Morton with burial in the New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery in Conehatta. A Newton county native, Walters, was a member of Lawrence Baptist Church, where he was a singer with the gospel group "Promise" and a member of the choir.

### Harry J. Wiggs

Harry J. "Bud" Wiggs, 73, died Thursday, July 23, 2009, in Neshoba County Hospital. Services were held Saturday, July 25 in McClain-Hays Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Pine Grove Cemetery in the House Community. He was retired from the Mississippi Highway Patrol and was a member of First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

### Rev. Dolphus Williamson

The Rev. Dolphus Paul "Doc" Williamson, 81, of Laurel, died Jan. 15, 2009, in Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg. Funeral services for Williamson were held at Franklin United Methodist Church in Laurel with burial in Mount Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery in Ellisville. He served 13 years as a United Methodist Church minister in the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church.

### Mary E. Ward Winter

Mary May Elizabeth Ward Winter (Class of 1937) of Shreveport, La., died June 3, 2009. She grew up in the Zama Community and was a graduate of Lake High School in 1935 and a graduate of East Central Junior College in 1937. At EC, she was in dramatics '36 – '37 and a cheerleader '37. Her class remembered her for "Her little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love." Winter retired from the Los Angeles County Department of Social Services as Stenographer Supervisor.

### W. Arno Vincent

Walter Arno Vincent (Class of 1937) of Petal died on July 9, 2009. (See a full article on the former College president on page 34.)



# We Get Letters

*(Note: The following letter was written by ECCC non-traditional student Mallory Jade Thompson-Young of Louisville and sent to alumni Lebrun and Myrtle Hutchison, in appreciation to the Colorado couple for providing their annual scholarship to the College, of which Thompson-Young is the 2008-09 recipient.)*

Dear S. Lebrun and Myrtle Hutchison:

Hello. My name is Mallory Jade Thompson-Young. I was awarded the Myrtle Hutchison Scholarship for the 2008-09 school year. I was so excited to receive this scholarship. First, I would like to thank you for your gracious donation to this scholarship. It is going to help me so much while I am attending East Central Community College.

I also would like to apologize for not writing this letter sooner than I did. I have been in summer school all summer, my daughter Madalyn had surgery and my grandmother passed away this summer. My grandmother passed away two days before the luncheon that was held at East Central Community College for those that were awarded scholarships and I hate I wasn't able to attend.

I would like to give a small background of myself. I am from the small town of Louisville, MS; I have live here all my life. I am a 2004 graduate of Louisville High School and a 2005 graduate of the East Central Community College cosmetology program. I got married on July 8, 2006, to TSgt Palmer Young of Noxapater, MS. He is full-time in the MS Air National Guard. On May 15, 2007, I gave birth to my precious baby girl, Madalyn Jade Young.

All my life I have wanted to be a teacher because I love children and want to help them learn. So, the day I found out I was pregnant, I told my husband I wanted to go back to school to major in Elementary Education. Unfortunately, it was too late for me to enroll for the fall semester, so I continued to work. I knew that God had a plan for me to continue my education like I had always wanted to, so I started going to school in January of 2007. Since then, I have been on the Dean's List twice and have made academic excellence twice.

While I have been continuing my education, I had a child who later developed kidney problems and had to have surgery; I had gallbladder surgery; my husband was deployed; my mother-in-law died following a horrible car accident; and I lost my grandmother to cancer. This past year has been tough but I have still maintained good grades. I am very passionate about my education and I am proud of what I have accomplished. It's not easy being a wife of a military husband, a mother, and a full-time student and still maintain good grades.

After I receive my Associate's degree from East Central Community College, I plan to attend Mississippi State University or Mississippi University for Women; I am still undecided. I love children and I have a passion for teaching. A teacher can be very special to a child and I would really like to be one of those teachers. It takes a very special person to be a teacher and you have to want to help children, no matter what happens and I have the qualifications and desire to do that.

Again, I would like to thank you for your gracious donation to this scholarship and I am very honored to have been awarded the Myrtle Hutchison Scholarship.

Thank you and God bless.
Mallory Jade Thompson-Young

*(Note: The Hutchisons' response is below.)*

Dear Mallory:

Your letter of August 29 has been read many times. You have lifted our spirits and encouraged us to continue to provide the Myrtle Ruth Hutchison and S. Lebrun Hutchison scholarships at ECCC. You exemplify the qualities that the scholarships are intended to recognize.

As a second grade teacher for some 30 years, Myrtle has always believed, "Teach a child to read and, with encouragement, their potential is unlimited."

Thank you for sharing your trials with us, it demonstrates your tenacity to persevere in time of trials. We admire you, Mallory – you are a "winner"- go for the Best. To quote Rev. Robert Schuler, of the Crystal Cathedral, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going," and "When you think you are at the end of your rope, God is up to something.:

We would like to share your letter with Dr. (Phil) Sutphin and hope that you approve.

We pray for your husband's safe return –our gratitude to you both for service to our great nation. Madalyn will bless your lives in many ways.

May God continue to lead and bless you all.

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I enjoy seeing familiar names of the 48 – 50 era. In my seven years of college the most professional teachers were at ECJC. Vinson, Cross, Leatherwood, Mrs. Newsome, and the history

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## *Warrior Club Tailgates on New Deck*

Warrior Club members and prospective supporters of the College's athletic program have a new place to "tailgate" prior to home football contests, thanks to a deck constructed by ECCC personnel prior to the 2009 season. The deck is located next to the concession stand. Funds for the new addition to the footbal stadium were provided by Warrior Club donations. For more information regarding Warrior Club membership, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

## LETTERS

teacher who's name I can't recall plus Dr. Todd were people changers.

I am in small animal practice but did mixed practice for the first forty years, total time fifty three as of now. We resurrected the oldest trade day in the USA (Tater Day started in 1843) and have compiled a book telling the story. Worked with Kiwanis club where I have 48 years of perfect attendance. We give over $10,000 annually to local charities each year from this event.

I would like to hear from some alumni that are still around. I enjoyed talking to Delmar Dallas before he died. He led me into the field selling bibles. I knew he would be a winner. When I read the obituary of Mr. Ferguson it was interesting to find that he was born just 15 miles from my place.

Thanks for the Memories,
Robert G. McCrory, DVM

Mr. (Chris) Harris,

My name is C. Brian Harpole. I am a former student athelete at ECCC. I played football for the black and gold in 96-97 under coach "Tenny" Coats. We achieved a lot during that season and my experience in Decatur was unforgetable. During fall workouts my roomate died in a car accident. I had considered him a good friend.

We pulled together and went on to win 10 games. The only loss we suffered was at the hands of Hinds. We beat nationally ranked #2 Northeast in their house which gave us a #3 ranking nationally. We went to the Golden Isles Bowl in Georgia and won against Middle Georgia.

I was recruited out of Tuscaloosa County High. Another recruit from Holt High School in Tuscaloosa carpooled with me back and forth from school to home. His name was Kendrick Clancey. After ECCC, he went on to Ole Miss, then to New York to play nose guard for the Giants. Last I saw he was on the defensive front for the New Orleans Saints.

In all of my life, I have never been associated with a better class of men on and off the field. I now have a family of my own and all the obligations that go with it. I wish I could have those times back, but life goes on. Even though my black and gold Warrior football shorts have faided, and my wife now wears my old warrior football shirt when we do yard work, I will always be proud of the experience I had as a Warrior.

I got the notion to go online to see if there was any ECCC hats, shirts, etc. for purchase. I would like to have a hat to show off in Birmingham, Alabama. If you could point me in the right direction I would be very thankful. I was just looking at the web site and felt compelled to e-mail my feelings about my time in Decatur. Tell the men to keep their heads up and keep fighting. A win is just one play away.

GO WARRIORS!
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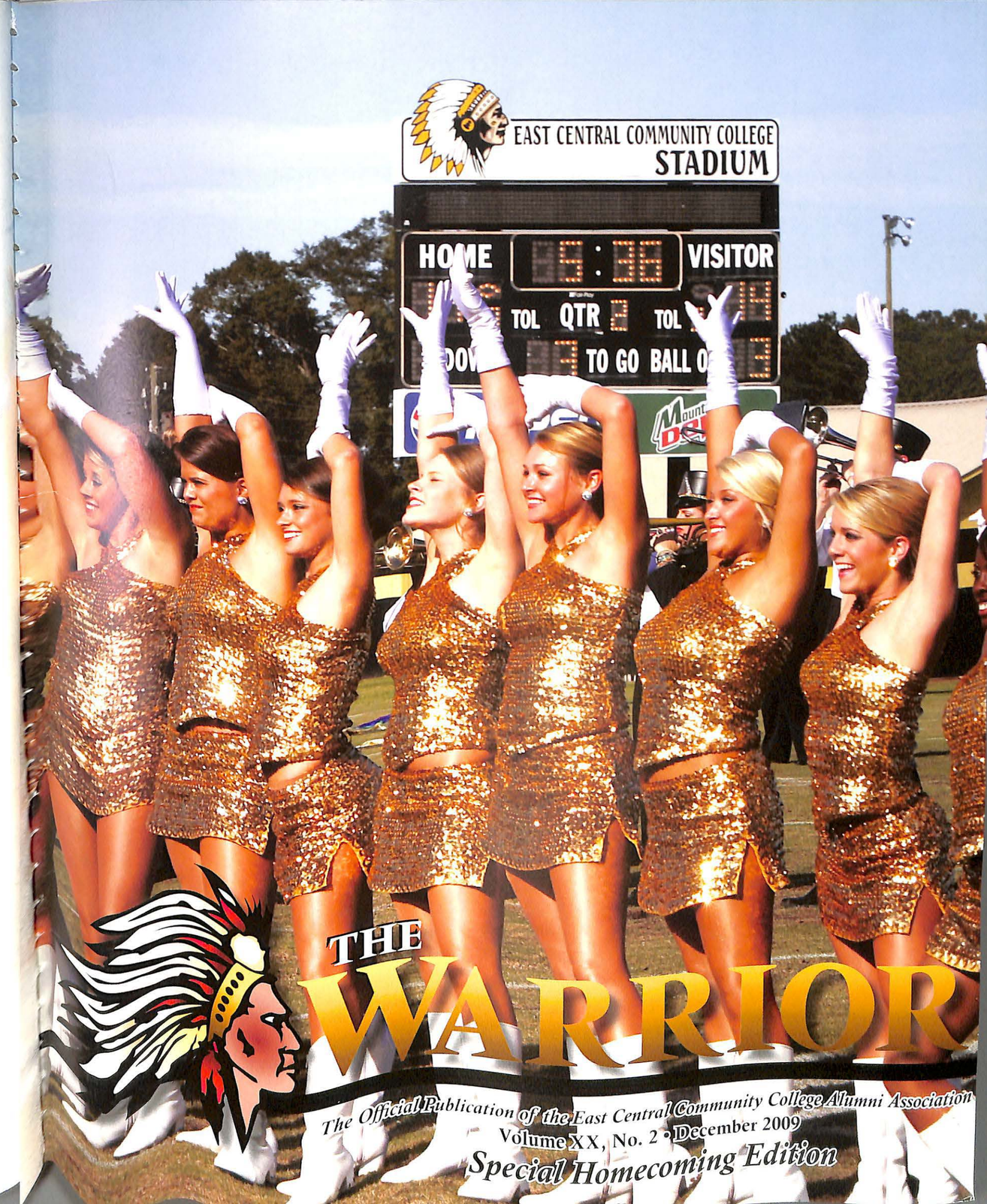
# *Warrior Spirit!*

*Dressed in Warrior costume, Union High School senior Garrett Clark rides his paint horse "Hawk-eye" into Bailey Stadium in the season opener against Coahoma Community College on Aug. 27. Clark is the son of ECCC alumni Barry and Melissa (Gray) Clark of Union. He is the grandson of Lou Clark of Union and the late Chester Clark, both longtime employees of ECCC.*

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Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

## *On the Cover*

East Central Community College's Centralettes perform during halftime of the Warriors' homecoming game with Northeast Mississippi Community College on October 3.

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

The ECCC Foundation invites you to renew your commitment to your community college by contributing to the Investors in Excellence Annual Fund before the end of the year. Gifts to the fund are tax-deductible when made payable to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

With budget cuts and limited public resources, the Foundation is seeking unrestricted funds to develop the potential of our students, faculty, and staff. Your gift to the Annual Fund will allow the Foundation to support and enhance the College's mission of providing educational opportunities for lifelong learning.

Your gift will help enable the College to provide more educational opportunities for EC students, to attract and retain qualified faculty, to enhance campus technology, and to provide additional campus facilities.

The ECCC Foundation and Alumni Association would like to thank you for your past support of the College. Please know that any and all levels of support are much appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Stacey Hollingsworth
Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations

# *President's Message*

*Dr. Phil A. Sutphin*

The Nation and the State are experiencing the impact of the Great Recession of 2009. Its effect is being felt in all aspects of life and work. East Central is intimately entwined with the hiccups in the economy. Revenue is restricted because of the heavy reliance on public financing for operations. However there is a bright side, during recessions enrollments in community colleges grow. We are available to serve more students and help them position themselves for better opportunities in the future.

Therein lies the challenge. How does EC expand service with contracting revenue? The Governor has released his budget proposal for FY 2011 and there are numerous recommendations for reducing expenditures that include major reductions for community colleges.

Dr. Clyde Muse, President of Hinds Community College, serves as the Chair of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Legislative Committee. (He is also an alumnus of ECJC.) Dr. Muse has provided some analysis of the Governor's recommendations. I would like to share some of his thoughts with you as they represent the combined thinking of all 15 community and junior college presidents in the State.

* Community college leaders agree it cannot be business as usual in this fiscal crisis. In fact, that philosophy is consistent with the mission of community colleges. Community colleges are institutions that analyze the circumstances and act quickly to meet the challenges before them.

* The Mississippi Community and Junior College system, the oldest in the nation, is recognized nationally as a productive and efficient system that responds rapidly to shifts in the economy and to the educational and training needs of our local communities.

* The quality of Mississippi's community college system is steeped in access, affordability and local autonomy. These are tenets of the community college mission.

* After a review of the Governor's FY 2011 budget recommendations, community and junior college leaders agree that budget cuts must be achieved, although not necessarily as the Governor proposes.

* In a recession, community college enrollment booms, because our colleges are close to home, great values, and we teach the skills our people need for better, higher-paying jobs. We are the fastest growing segment of education in the state and our enrollment is up 13 percent this fall.

Gov. Barbour: "Education is our No. 1 economic development issue and No. 1 quality of life issue."

We agree. Mississippi must raise the educational attainment level of its citizens. Community colleges deliver academic transfer, career and technical education, workforce training and adult basic education, including GED preparation and testing. Our institutions are the vehicle for achieving a more prosperous future for families and for our state.

Gov. Barbour: "The most urgent need in Mississippi is to create more and better jobs."

We agree. To meet that need, Mississippi must have a skilled workforce and community colleges train the workers that will revitalize Mississippi's economy; 65% of American jobs now require skilled labor, and our community colleges are doing this training.

Gov. Barbour: "Our community colleges are critical assets in Mississippi's educational program...because of lower cost and close proximity...more high school graduates should start at community colleges..."

We agree. Local autonomy and local support give our colleges the ability to tailor programs and services to meet the distinct needs of 15 community college districts across the state.

Further, community colleges are lean and productive. We serve more than a quarter million Mississippians in credit and non-credit programs and we do it at a lower cost. Our colleges receive about 7 cents of all every educational dollar spent in the State. Financial support, per student, for community colleges has declined in the past 10 years, yet our colleges have grown in scope and the number of people served. This is demonstrated in the two charts below:

**State Support Per Student – 10 Year Comparison**

| Per Student State Funding (credit seeking students) | FY 2000 | FY 2010 (With ARRA & After Cuts) | FY 10 over FY 00 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Public K -12 | $3,549 | $5,294 | $1,744 | 49.1% |
| Public Community Colleges | $4,522 | $4,158 | ($364) | (-8.0%) |
| Public Regional University | $10,175 | $11,044 | $870 | 8.5% |

Projected FY 2010 state funding per full-time equivalent (FTE) community college student is actually $364 less per student

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# Alumni Honorees Respond During Luncheon

### *DONALD ACTON*

He found success as a student-athlete and later as a coach. He continued his love of sports by participating in various league competitions for 62 years and has won several gold medals in the Senior Olympics.

In recognition of his lifelong and distinguished career in sports, Don Acton of Knoxville, Tenn., joined the list of other standouts in the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame.

*Donald Acton*

Acton spoke of the great foundation his parents laid, and how his instructors at East Central continued to build on that foundation with their care and concern for his education.

"This institution, I will never be able to relay what it means to me. They loved me and they cared for me.

"I want to thank all those people that were here when I was here that gave me a helping hand."

### *WANDA BLACKWELL MCPHAIL*

A member of the tennis and basketball teams at East Central Junior College, Wanda Blackwell McPhail was also inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame.

McPhail took over the Meridian Community College tennis program in 2000 and also serves as an English instructor.

McPhail said she was humbled by her selection.

She thanked her family who she said had so many times waited up for her late nights as she coached.

"I would be most remiss if I didn't mention Coach (Lucille) Wood. I can honestly say today that I would not be here

*Wanda Blackwell McPhail*

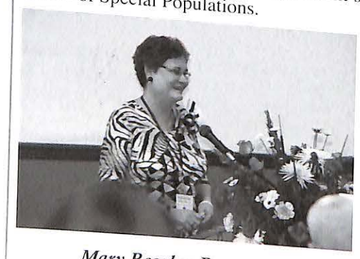
today without Coach Wood. She had a tremendous impact on me and on women's athletics in the state of Mississippi.

"Every coaching job I've had has been by accident, but I believe that it was God's plan."

### *MARY ROSALYN ROGERS FOLKS*

Selected Alumna of the Year was Forest native Mary Rosalyn Rogers Folks of Picayune. She spent 36 years in the field of education, all with the Picayune Public Schools. She has been a second grade teacher, served as reading specialist for the junior high school and worked with special services for the handicapped and disadvantaged at Picayune High School.

In addition, she has served on the Picayune Education Association in many capacities, including president, and is a former president of the State Department's Board of Special Populations.



*Mary Rosalyn Rogers Folks*

"This is such an honor and privilege for me. When I was at East Central I had wonderful instructors. They gave me great instruction and they inspired me.

"The skills that I learned here have served me well in both my professional and personal life.

"I am so grateful for the blessings in my life and so grateful to be here today, and I am so thankful to be a Warrior!"

### *JACK WINSTEAD*

Alumnus of the Year Jack Winstead of Lawrence and his wife, the former Jeanette Cain of Sallis, currently operate a timber and cattle farm in Newton and Neshoba counties. He retired from the Natural Resource Conservation Service as deputy state conservationist after 35 years with the department.

In addition to farming, Winstead serves on several boards and commissions including the ECCC Board of Trustees, where he serves as vice chairman.

*Jack Winstead*

"This is a tremndous honor for me. There's a lot I need to say and a lot I want to say, but I'm not going to because it would take too much time.

"I will issue one challenge to everyone here today, 'Let's don't look back, let's look forward at what we can do for the future of East Central. God bless you and thank you so much.'"



# Scenes from the 2009 Wall O' Sound Halftime Show

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

FTE than in FY 2000. During the same time period, state funding per student for K-12 increased by $1,744 and by $870 at public universities.

During that same ten-year period, K-12 enrollment did not increase, public universities enrollment increased 11 percent and community college enrollment increased 31 percent.

**For-Credit Enrollment Comparison**

| Enrollment (credit seeking students) | FY 2000 | FY 2010 | FY 10 over FY 00 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Public K -12 | 456,883 | 456,969 | 86 | 0.0% |
| Public Community Colleges* | 45,354 | 59,448 | 14,094 | 31.1% |
| Public Regional University | 55,280 | 61,576 | 6,296 | 11.4% |

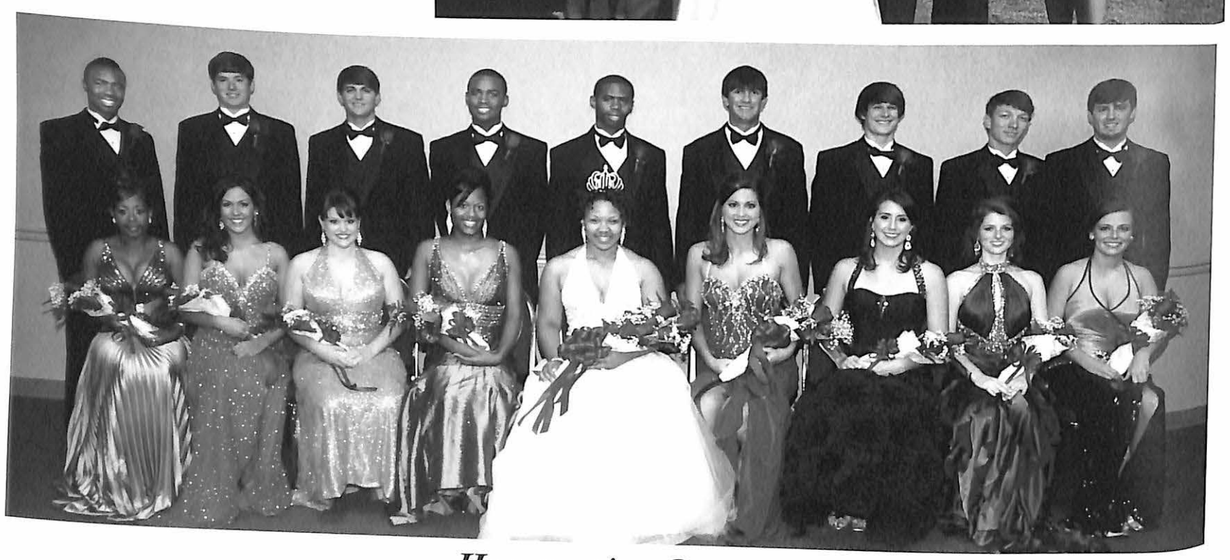
*Does not include non-credit enrollment in GED and workforce

The combination of past and current cuts in State appropriations and the projected 12% state funding cut for next year is a serious concern. Essentially, community colleges are instructing 31% more students while operating with 40% less state funding per student than the system received in fiscal year 2000. The fact that we have held the line on student tuition and fees is further evidence that we operate on lean budgets.

Let's all hope that as the Mississippi Legislature goes about the formidable task of fashioning its FY 2011 budget, it sees community colleges as the real priority in advancing Mississippi both economically and in quality of life.

## *Homecoming Queen*

Reshetta Benton of Forest (second from left) was crowned 2009 Homecoming Queen at East Central Community College by College president Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left). Serving as the queen's escort was Steve Edwards, Jr. (third from left) of Newton. Presenting flowers was 2008 Homecoming Queen Emily Thrash of Sebastopol. The queen and her court were presented Saturday, October 3, 2009 during halftime of the ECCC vs. Northeast Mississippi Community College football game.



## *Homecoming Court*

Members of the 2009 Homecoming Court at East Central Community College include (front row, from left) freshman maids Breanna Foley of Newton, Sarah Breland of Philadelphia, Celia Boggan of Decatur and Alexis Young of Forest; queen Reshetta Benton of Forest, maid-of-honor Hannah Lee of Philadelphia and sophomore maids Kimberly Blackwell, Anna Fulton and Alison Lowery, all of Louisville; and (back row, from left) escorts Teddy Bloodsaw of Forest, Nathan Calvert of Louisville, Justin Gates of Decatur, Randall Hudson of Forest, Steve Edwards, Jr. of Newton, Allen Johnson of Lena, Michael Hardy of Philadelphia, Brandon Kennedy of Union and Matt Woods of Philadelphia.

## *Observe Golden Anniversary*

Reunited for their 50th class reunion are the above East Central Community College alumni who received special recognition during homecoming activities. Class members received "Golden Anniversary" diplomas from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin during a ceremony in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. Pictured are (front row, from left) Mack Shelton of Pearl, Corrine Cross Neal of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Sara McGee Moreau of Decatur, Fred Allen Barfoot of Philadelphia, Lois Blount Cooper of Decatur, Linda Alderman Horn of Huntsville, Ala.; Ann Sigrest Williams of Columbia, Louise Fortenberry Johnston of Lake and Phyllis Vowell Robinson of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Carl Hollingsworth of Decatur, Mary Sue Cook Smith of Irving, Texas; Alice Faye Skinner of Hattiesburg, Harlon Crimm of Marietta, Ga.; Alfred Bailey of Decatur, Willard May of Petal, Danna McMillin Bennett of Sherman, Texas; and Linda Hudson and Keith Hudson, both of Louisville; and (back row, from left) Perry Willis Smith of Byram, Henry Moreau of Decatur, Larry Tucker of Jackson, Shelby Lowery of New Albany, Johnny Smith of Monticello, Ga.; James Chester Sawyer of Morton, James Johnston of Lake, Sydney Nester of Mendenhall, Tommy Leach of Union, Lyndolph White of Vicksburg and Bubba Hudspeth of Louisville.

## *Basketball Teams Honored*

The 1991 to 1998 East Central Community College basketball teams coached by Marty Cooper were among special groups honored during homecoming activities. Those attending reunion activities included (from left) Phillip Prince of Philadelphia, Cooper and wife, Jennifer, who also served as assistant coach; Maurice Bowie of Decatur and Jason Nance of Tuscaloosa, Ala. In addition to being a former player, Bowie currently serves as head coach of the Warrior basketball team and is a former assistant under Cooper at Itawamba Community College.

## *Attend 60th Class Reunion*

The Class of 1949 was among special groups honored at East Central Community College during homecoming festivities. Attending their 60th class reunion were (seated, from left) Allan Mapp of Clinton, Jamie Etheridge Harrell of Rayville, La.; Sara Cagle Crawford of Marion, Ark.; Mary Evelyn Kennedy Pike of Hideaway, Texas; Sara McDonald Hardin of Columbus, Sibb Hutchinson of Centennial, Co., and Irene Lewis of Newton; and (standing, from left) Jesse Harris of Suwanee, Ga.; John Blount of Decatur, Dr. Clyde Muse of Raymond, James Breland of Cleveland, Bill Lewis of Newton, A.P. "Pat" Posey of Meridian and Hershel Turner of Clinton. Not pictured but also in attendance were Milbur Posey of Meridian and Gene Earp of Baton Rouge, La.

## *Attend Basketball Reunion*

The 1964 to 1976 East Central Community College basketball teams coached by Joe Clark were among special groups honored during homecoming activities. Former team members include (front row, from left) Art Fulton and Mac Hall, both of Philadelphia; Herman Coats of Batesville, Keith Branning of Ridgeland, Dennis Walton of Gulfport, Clark, Rodney Tadlock of Decatur, Sammy Pace of Moselle and Sam Nowell of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Joe Fondren of Abbeville, Danny Gressett of Decatur, Allen Harrison and Ronnie Westbrook, both of Little Rock; V.L. Mott and Keith Everett, both of Meridian; Sid Williams of Philadelphia, Bill Wheeler of Columbus, Mike Cosgrove of Lawrence, Gary Gordon of Bay Springs and Larry Gressett of Conehatta. Not pictured but also attending the reunion are Polan Willis of Decatur, Ala.; Butch Cox of Gonzales, La.; and Haywood Reeves of Forest.

## *Musical Casts Recognized*

Casts of four musicals directed by former East Central Community College speech and theater instructor Bruce Peterson were among special groups honored during homecoming activities. The reunion group included cast members from 1974 Camelot, 1979 Mame, 1982 Carousel and 1985 Oklahoma. Those attending reunion activities include (first row, from left) Brenda Carson of Decatur, Martha Blanton of Carthage, Terri Donald of Philadelphia, Joan Grimes of Union, Peterson, Flo Harkins Henley of Starkville, Julie Goodwin Rowzee of Hickory and Cheryl Gibbon DuBose of Collierville, Tenn.; (second row, from left) Tom Carson of Decatur, Ken Hackman of Madison, Johnny Walker of Louisville, Louis Crenshaw of Newton, Gail Fondren of Oxford, Tonia Coker of Decatur, Tammie Covington Addy of Decatur and Mike Boggan of Muscle Shoals, Ala.; and (back row, from left) Greg Henley and Geedie Simmons, both of Starkville; Scotty Goldman of Prattville, Ala.; Mark Walker of Brandon, Cy Williams of Fulton, Leah Livingston of Starkville, Victor Coker of Decatur and Tina Hollingsworth of Lake.

## *Peterson Donates Book to Memorabilia Room*

Bruce Peterson (center), former East Central Community College speech and drama instructor, recently donated this scrapbook to the ECCC Memorabilia Room. The book, which was given to Peterson as a gift from the 1978-1980 ECCC Players, contains candid shots of performances and personal notes. ECCC drama instructor Joan Grimes said, "Mr. Peterson felt that the Memorabilia Room would be a fitting home for this book so that more people could enjoy it." Grimes and Fine Arts Department Chairman Thomas W. Carson (left) accepted the book on behalf of the College. Peterson made the presentation during Homecoming activities on Oct. 3, during which four of his musical casts were honored.

# *Planning Renovation of ECCC Founders' Gym*

Looking over plans to renovate East Central Community College's Founders' Gym are Alumni Association board member and project contributor Ann Burkes (left) of Decatur and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who are shown in front of the historic structure. A fundraising drive is currently under way to renovate the facility, recognized as one of the oldest buildings on the Decatur campus and the oldest standing brick gymnasium in east Mississippi. From 1930 to 1970, Founders' Gym played host to hundreds of basketball games including local, regional and state championships for both high school and college level teams. The gym was also used for May Day programs, proms, dances, plays, musicals, graduations and many community events. Founders' Gym is named in honor of Dr. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Hunter, Burkes' grandfather; James "Jim" McDonald Thames and others instrumental in establishing the College. Dr. Sutphin said the renovation project includes four phases at an estimated cost of $8 million. He said the College is also pursuing grant money to assist with the renovation. Contributions may be made to the ECCC Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. For more information contact Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director, Foundation and Alumni Relations, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

# *'Spirited' EC Staffers Win Homecoming Display Contest*

This "live" homecoming scene featuring mostly East Central Community College staff members received top honors in the annual display competition held as part of homecoming activities Oct. 3 on the Decatur campus. In front, from left, are Joe Killens, vice president of student services, shown portraying ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin after he crowns "Queen" Romonica Evans, recruiter/Tech Prep Center director; and (in back, from left) "Wall O' Sound Band member" Chris Clark, workforce development coordinator; "Centralette" Brenda Cheatham, secretary to the vice president for student services; "Warrior fan" Keli Barrett of Decatur, ECCC freshman; and "cheerleader" Lanette Hanna and "Warrior football player" Michael Alexander, academic counselors. The spirited group represented Warrior Corps and the Student Body Association, which received the $175 first-place prize. Also receiving cash prizes were ECSTR (Surgical Technology), second place, $150; College publications (yearbook and newspaper), third, $100; and SkillsUSA and Phi Beta Lambda, fourth, $75. The homecoming display competition is coordinated though the Office of Adult and Continuing Education.



# *Homecoming 5K Run/Walk Results*

**RUN**

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|---|---|
| 1. Mike Trailkill | 18:37 |
| 2. Jesse Vaughn (15) | 19:03 |
| 3. Matt Darby(33 | 19:26 |
| 4. Daniel Bankston(25) | 20:00 |
| 5. Jess May(28) | 20:14 |
| 6. Joey Smith(31) | 20:43 |
| 7. Ramen A. Lopez(22) | 21:10 |
| 8. Nathan Tadlock(30) | 21:13 |
| 9. Caleb Vaughn(13) | 21:41 |
| 10. Charles Gaddis(12) | 23:20 |
| 11. Regan MonK(13) | 22:19 |
| 12. Dean Hite(37) | 23:20 |
| 13. Donald Hardin(35) | 23:46 |
| 14. Hunter Baskin(13) | 24:16 |
| 15. Shaun Selman(34) | 24:23 |
| 16. Dalton Baskin(10) | 24:37 |
| 17. Shannon McMillan(41) | 24:38 |
| 18. Lee Wilson (53) | 24:38:60 |
| 19. Shay Darby(29) | 25:03 |
| 20. Daxton Fairchild(16) | 25:30 |
| 21. Abby Mcmillan(19) | 26:15 |
| 22. Julie Mangum(31) | 27:03 |
| 23. Mickey VancE(49) | 27:13 |
| 24. Sha Alderman(32) | 27:19 |
| 25. Beau Hannah(21) | 27:59 |
| 26. Brandon Hannah(19) | 28:01 |
| 27. Mamie Shannon(18) | 28:03 |
| 28. Kim Crenshaw(38) | 28:07 |
| 29. James Waltman(62) | 28:29 |
| 30. Doug Janz(19) | 28:52 |
| 31. Lori McMullan | 29:26 |
| 32. Annette Resby(39) | 29:55 |
| 33. Hank Moreau(72) | 30:11 |
| 34. Blair Comans(25) | 30:51 |
| 35. Mahlon Smith(43) | 34:17 |
| 36. Emily Baupinger(27) | 35:36 |
| 37. Kay Gaddis(40) | 37:39 |

**WALK**

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|---|---|
| 1. Larry Robinson (39) | 30:59 |
| 2. Curtis Fancher (57) | 35:08 |
| 3. Casey Myatt (28) | 39:26 |
| 4. Gene Davis (58) | 40:33 |
| 5. Tena Landrum (46) | 43:16 |
| 6. Thomas Gaddis (10) | 43:34 |
| 7. Dena Vickers (48) | 43:56 |
| 8. Taylor Watkins (12) | 43:58 |
| 9. Greg Watkins (35) | 43:59 |
| 10. Chelle Watkins (37) | 44:00 |
| 11. Phil Sutphin (63) | 44:02 |
| 12. Peggy Sutphin (63) | 44:03 |
| 13. Lavinia Sparkman (60) | 47:05 |
| 14. Jennie Jones (41) | 47:55 |
| 15. Glenda Weaver (59) | 47:56 |
| 16. Joanne Dunagen(68) | 48:15 |
| 17. Ruth Savell (59) | 48:16 |
| 18. Francene Cleveland (44) | 49:26 |
| 19. Teresa Tillman (49) | 49:32 |
| 20. Gail Wood (61) | 52:11 |
| 21. Anna Ruggiero (35) | 53:60 |
| 22. Hilary Byard (29) | 55:40 |
| 23. Roberta Holt (54) | 56:52 |
| 24. Delanie Henry (27) | 58:18 |

## *EC 5K Winner!*

Mike Trailkill of Hickory once again took top honors in the annual 5K Run held Saturday, Oct. 3 as part of East Central Community College's homecoming activities on the Decatur campus. Trailkill, who also won the race in 2008, is shown crossing the finish line after posting a time of 18:37 in the 3.1-mile event.

## *Division Winners in ECCC 5K Race*

These participants in East Central Community College's 5K Run won their respective age divisions in the annual event. Seated from left are Charles Gaddis of Hickory (0-12 age division), Jesse Vaughn of Decatur (13-19, males), Mamie Shannon of Union (13-19, females), Blair Comans of Decatur (20-29, females) and Matt Darby of Philadelphia (30-39, males). Standing from left are Kay Gaddis of Hickory (overall female masters), James Waltman of Philadelphia (overall male masters), Abby McMillan of Newton (overall female winner), Julie Mangum of Decatur (30-39, females), Mickey Vance of Decatur (40-49, males) and Mike Trailkill of Hickory (overall winner). Trailkill's son Zack is also pictured.

## *Division Runners-Up in EC 5K Race*

Winning second-place honors in their respective age and gender divisions were the above participants of the annual 5K Run. From left are Dalton Baskin of Meridian (0-12 age division, males), Caleb Vaughn of Decatur (13-19 age division, males), Sha Alderman of Decatur (30-39 age division, females), Joey Smith of Collinsville (30-39 age division, males) and Lee Wilson of Meridian (overall masters winner, males). The 5K Run and 5K Walk are held each year as part of the College's homecoming activities.

## *Top Female, Male Finishers in 5K*

Dr. Phillip Crenshaw (left) presents first-place trophies to Abby McMillan (center) of Newton and Mike Trailkill of Hickory, who won top honors in the female and male divisions, respectively, in East Central Community College's annual 5K Run. Trailkill's son Zack joined him for the trophy presentation. The elder Trailkill completed the 3.1-mile race with a time of 18:37 and McMillan finished at 26:15. Dr. Crenshaw, who teaches social science and history classes at ECCC, serves as chairman of the Warrior Fitness Challenge, which also features a 5K Walk.

## *Win 5K Walk Honors*

Taking top honors in the overall female and male divisions in East Central Community College's annual 5K Walk included (seated from left) Casey Myatt of Lake, Tena Landrum of Laurel, Dena Vickers of Chunky and (standing from left) Larry Robinson (overall winner) of Forest and Gene Davis of Decatur/Louisville.

## *Weddings*

Haley Harris to Jonathan Booker
Kaci Jean Allen and Kirstopher Kyle McDill
Stephanie Marie Pace and Terry Ray Fuson
Shelley Lauren Hatch and Jeremy Scott Wright
Rebecca Lindsey Rogers and Joshua Kenneth Lang
Haley Marie Fisher and Larry Adam Boykin



## *Contribution for ECCC Project*

Charlotte Brackeen (left) of Union is shown presenting a check to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president of East Central Community College, with proceeds designated for the Founders' Gym Renovation Fund. Fundraising efforts are under way to restore the facility, recognized as one of the oldest buildings on the Decatur campus and the oldest standing brick gymnasium in east Mississippi. Brackeen's late husband, Denver, was an All-American basketball player for the Warriors and was among the many college and high school athletes to play in the facility, which hosted hundreds of basketball games from 1930 to 1970, including local, regional and state championships for both high school and college level teams. Founders' Gym was also used for other activities, including the traditional May Day program, proms, dances, plays, musicals, graduations and many community events. Dr. Sutphin said the renovation project includes four phases at an estimated cost of $8 million. He said the College is also pursuing grant money to assist with the renovation. Contributions may be made to the ECCC Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. For more information contact Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director, Foundation and Alumni Relations, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

## *Alumni in the News*

Captain John Beaver, Jr. USN is now serving on the National Security Council at the White House. Commander Doug Beaver, USN, is the executive officer of a VAW squadron in Norfolk, VA. Both are sons of **Emily S. Beaver (Class of 1958).**

**Burl (Class of 1975) and Denise Johnson (Class of 1974)** are proud to announce the birth of a granddaughter, Elizabeth Grace Johnson. She was born on May 28, 2009 to Christine and Michael Johnson (Class of 2001).

**Lenora Buntyn Hunter** (Mrs. Frank Hunter) graduated from ECJC in 1937. She has moved to Columbia to live near her daughter Martha Morrow. At 92, she still enjoys crocheting, working puzzles, and watching the Mannings play football on television.

**Randall and Corey Boykin (Class of 1999)** of Bailey proudly announce the birth of twin sons, Avery Garrison and Aiden Reeves Boykin, born September 7, 2009.

**Reginald Thames (Class of 1945)** of Decatur served as Grand Marshall of the Decatur Christmas Parade held Friday, December 4, 2009.

Country recording artist **Shawn Houser** was recently nominated for two Country Music Association Awards. His nominations were in the categories of "Best New Artist" and "Music Video of the Year." He was also featured in Country Weekly magazine in an article about his hometown of Lake.

The Autobiography of **James K. Moore** titled "Made in the USA" will be released January 1, 2010 but advance copies are available now and J.K. Moore will accept speaking engagements for 2010. Moore's story springs from his roots in Edinburg, where he was born on the eve of the Stock Market Crash in 1929 to his days in Houston where he graduated from University of Houston and worked for Shell Chemical Division before starting his own company to built test stands for the NASA launches. It takes the reader through his travels in the seals industry stateside and abroad. To contact James K. Moore for book signings or speaking engagement, or order advance copies, please write jkmoore@astseals.com or visit him on Facebook.

**Stan Clark** has been named Educator of the Year by the Mississippi Society of CPAs. he is a professor in the School of Accountancy at the University of Southern Mississippi. Clark earned undergraduate and master's degrees in accounting from USM before obtaining the doctorate at the University of Kentucky.

**Andy Childress and Shane Sullivan**, both of Louisville, recently collaborated on a book titled "Misfits and Mayhem." Childress also completed his third book, "Tales from the Appliance Graveyard."

**Doyle Wolverton** was recently inducted into the Mississippi Private School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He is in his 35th year as girls' basketball coach at Leake Academy and has a record of 1,088 wins and 172 losses. His teams have won five MPSA Overall championships and 12 state championships.

# ECCC Auditorium Named for Longtime Faculty Member

*Thomas W. Thrash*

The naming of a school auditorium in memory of a longtime faculty member was approved at the September 2009 meeting of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees.

The auditorium, located in Newton Hall, will now be known as the Thomas W. Thrash Auditorium, to honor his 40 years of service on the Decatur campus. A ceremony officially naming the facility was held Sunday, Nov. 15 in the auditorium. A reception in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria followed the dedication program.

"It is most appropriate that we name the auditorium in memory of Mr. Thrash," said ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. "He was an outstanding instructor who lived and breathed East Central Community College, as evidenced by his long and successful career. He also taught many classes in the same auditorium that will now bear his name."

Thrash, who died on Sept. 6, 2002, served as Chairman of the Social Science, Education and Business Division in addition to teaching social science classes.

He received numerous awards throughout his career, which began and ended at ECCC.

He was selected Academic Instructor of the Year in 1987 and received an award for teaching excellence at the annual NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Conference in 1989 at the University of Texas in Austin. In 1992, he was selected to participate in the annual Lamplighter Program, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. He also participated in the Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program at Mississippi State University in 1998.

In addition, Thrash was recognized as the College's Humanities Teacher of the Year in 1999, an annual program sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council in celebration of Arts and Humanities Month. During his lecture, Thrash spoke on "The Impact of Rev. N.C. Clarke on Newton County, Miss." The Rev. Clarke, a great, great grandfather of Mr. Thrash, was the founder and first pastor of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. Clarke Memorial College in Newton was later named in his honor.

Thrash also served as campus coordinator for the Smithsonian exhibit, "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45," a collection of wartime posters provided by the Institution's Traveling Exhibition Services. The exhibit made its Mississippi debut at East Central in September 2001.

He was a member of Decatur United Methodist Church, the National Council of Instructional Administrators, Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, ECCC Alumni Association and Gamma Nu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at Mississippi State University.

Thrash was awarded lifetime membership in the Mississippi Jaycees and the Jaycee International Senate. He was presented numerous Distinguished Service awards during his tenure as Area Vice President of the Mississippi Jaycees.

He served in the Mississippi National Guard and was a member of the Decatur Country Club Board of Directors for more than 30 years.

Thrash was a graduate of Newton High School, ECJC and MSU, where he received bachelor and master's degrees. He completed additional studies at MSU and the University of Southern Mississippi.

He began his teaching career in 1962 at East Central.

Thrash was married to the former Jeanette Beevers and they had two daughters, Mev and Melissa. Mev and her husband Robbie Knight have two children, Kelsi and Logan, and they reside in Meridian. Melissa is married to Robert Carleton and they have one child, Hob, and reside in Union.

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# ECCC Announces Personnel Changes, New Staff Member

Recently hired staff members on the Decatur campus include John Arthur (Artie) Foreman of Little Rock, Director of the Physical Plant; Marcie Pinson of Little Rock, Director of Housing/Student Activities; and Shelley Cresswell Thomas of Louisville, Workforce Development Center advanced skills trainer.

*Artie Foreman*

Foreman joined the College's maintenance department in 1993. He was promoted to grounds supervisor in 1997 and was chosen supervisor of maintenance in 2001.

A 1988 graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, Foreman received an associate in applied science degree in drafting and design technology from ECCC in 1990.

He is married to the former Pam Monroe of Meridian. They have a son, Peyton Foreman, a seventh grader at Newton County Middle School.

The Foremans are members of Hopewell Baptist Church in Little Rock, where Artie is a deacon and serves as youth director.

*Marcie Pinson*

Pinson previously served the College as secretary to the vice president of student services and student recruiter, a position she held since January 2007.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Pinson served as a psychosocial rehabilitation counselor at Weems Community Health Center. She is also a former loan administrator assistant at Community Bank in Forest.

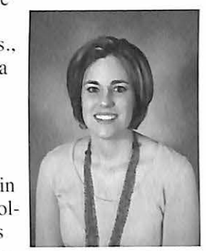
A graduate of Scott Central High School, Pinson holds an associate's degree from ECCC and a bachelor's in educational psychology from Mississippi State University.

She is married to Toby Pinson and they have two children, Madelyn Klaire and Marleigh Rhea.

Thomas, whose office is located at the College's Workforce Development-Career Advancement Center in Louisville, is primarily responsible for working with individuals, industries, businesses and communities through the Louisville site to establish needed training programs and offer special services to dislocated workers as coordinated by the Workforce Development Center staff.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Thomas was employed with Georgia-Pacific, LLC in Louisville, where she served as talent and learning development/training specialist and conducted numerous training sessions for ECCC.

She is also a former marketing and public relations coordinator for the Department of Housing and Residence Life at Mississippi State University.



*Shelley Thomas*

A Satartia, Miss., native, Thomas is a graduate of Tri-County Academy and MSU, where she received a bachelor's degree in educational psychology and a master's in counselor education.

Thomas is a member of First United Methodist Church of Louisville and the Junior Auxiliary of Louisville.

She is married to Dow Thomas, an assistant vice president at Renasant Bank in Louisville. They have two children, Kaitlyn and Fin.

## *ECCC President Leads National Association*

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president of East Central Community College, recently began his tenure as Chairman of the Board of the Rural Community College Alliance, a national association whose emphasis is on "improving the educational and economic prospects for rural America," according to the RCCA Web site.

Dr. Sutphin assumed the chairman's role at the 2009 RCCA Conference held in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, Oct. 13-15. He served two terms as vice chair prior to taking over the chairmanship. One of his duties as vice chairman included planning and hosting the 2008 conference, which was held in Biloxi.

The ECCC leader said RCCA's goal this year "is promoting rural community colleges as the best local institution to promote rural development in the United States and Canada."

RCCA is an affiliate council of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) to promote the rural agenda.

Dr. Sutphin said RCCA began as a "sustainability effort" from the Rural Community College Initiative (RCCI) grant ECCC participated in during the early 2000's to promote rural economic development.

Dr. Sutphin has served as ECCC president since 2000. He previously served the College as dean of instruction and dean of students.

# You Are Invited to a Free Seminar!

Sponsored by the ECCC Foundation, Inc.

## *Planned Giving Seminar*

**Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

***Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria***

***6:00 P.M.***

Join us as Steve Stubblefield of Jackson presents a seminar for individuals interested in estate planning, retirement planning, and other planned giving topics.

**To reserve your seat, please contact the ECCC Foundation Office toll free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 or e-mail us at sholling@eccc.edu.**

*Reception with Hors D'oeuvres begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the seminar at 6:30 p.m.*

## New Lifetime Member Gift Program

Thank you for being a member of the ECCC Alumni Association. Your financial support has helped the Association continue to connect alumni to the college and to each other while engaging them in activities that support and advance the mission of the college.

To encourage continued support from our lifetime members and to encourage others to become lifetime members, the Alumni Association has developed the Lifetime Member Gift Program. Contributions received through the Gift Program will be used to establish an Alumni Association Lifetime Membership Endowed Scholarship Fund. Donors to the Lifetime Member Gift Program will be recognized annually in The Warrior magazine and on the college's website.

With your help the Association will be able to enhance and increase membership growth and increase revenue to the Alumni Association while providing financial support to current EC students.

If you have questions about the program, please call the Alumni Relations Office toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 (within the state of Mississippi) or call 601-635-6327 or e-mail to sholling@eccc.edu. We thank you in advance for your continued interest and support of East Central.



## *ECCC Dedicates Tree, Bench in Memory of Burt*

East Central Community College Baptist Student Union Director Scott Vaughn (top photo) is shown providing remarks during a Tree and Bench Dedication Ceremony held at the College Lake in memory of Landon Burt. Burt was an ECCC freshman last December when he drowned while filming an inspirational video for the BSU at the College Lake. Also taking part in the ceremony, which was attended by approximately 100 family and friends, were Randy Cuchens, minister of music and senior adults at First Baptist Church in Newton, and College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. The tree is pictured in the foreground on the right. The bench is shown at left and contains a plaque, which reads "This bench and oak tree were placed in memory of Landon Burt. The tree symbolizes the strength of Landon's character and marks the site of his departure from this life, December 19, 2008."

In the bottom photo are family members who attended the dedication ceremony. Pictured are (front row, from left) Landon's brother David Burt of Hickory, parents Mary and Bryan Burt of Newton; and grandmothers Aline Burt Plilar of Hickory and Birtis Bryant of Newton; and (back row, from left) cousin Bill Bryant of Madison, uncle Frank Burt of Meridian, aunt Gloria Williams of Hickory, cousins Annalise Bryant, Blakeney Bryant and Jan Bryant, all of Madison; and aunt Mary Elizabeth Bryant, uncle Lowell Bryant and cousin Bob Bryant, all of Canton. Family and friends of Landon Burt earlier established the Landon Bryan Burt Endowed Scholarship, which will be awarded annually during the College's AT&T Scholarship Luncheon.

## *Stovall Memorial Scholarship Established at ECCC*

A scholarship in memory of Jacob Stovall of Philadelphia has been established at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Toni and Don Stovall initiated the scholarship in honor of their son who lost his battle with cancer on February 28, 2009.

According to the scholarship description, Jacob "was a fun-loving sophomore at Philadelphia High School...who loved sports, his wonderful nurses during his illness and mathematics. His favorite sports were football, basketball and golf."

Due to his interests, funding from the scholarship may be used for an athletic scholarship in football or basketball; a scholarship for a business major; or scholarship for a nursing major.

***Jacob Stovall***

Candidates for the Jacob Stovall Memorial Scholarship must be a graduate of Philadelphia High School, have at least a 3.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale, be enrolled as a traditional or non-traditional full-time student and demonstrate financial need.

The annual selection of the scholarship will be made by the ECCC Scholarship Committee. The scholarship provides $500 per year ($250 per semester) for the first two semesters of college.

For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The e-mail address is jkillens@eccc.edu.

# Obituaries

### *Farris Gene Childs*
Farris Gene Childs (Class of 1951) of Louisville died Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the MS State Veterans Home in Kosciusko. He was a retired rural mail carrier. Mr. Childs was an Army veteran of Korea, a Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Louisville Volunteer Fire Department for over 50 years. He was also a member of Evergreen Baptist Church.

### *Rivers Breazeale*
Rivers Breazeale, 88, of Philadelphia, died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, in Neshoba County Nursing Home. After working for Williams Brothers for many years she served Neshoba County for eight years as tax assessor and served on the board of trustees for East Central Community College.

### *Eugene F. Earp*

Eugene F. Earp, 82, died Thursday, November 19, 2009, in Baton Rouge, LA. After graduating from East Central and the University of Southern Mississippi, he attended graduate classes at Louisiana State University while serving as Occupational and Environmental Safety Director. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and later with the Mississippi Army National Guard. He was a professional member of the American Society of Safety Engineers and a Certified Safety Professional. He was a member of the USS Zellars Association and a member of the University Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

### *Kenneth R. Hamm*
Kenneth R. Hamm (Class of 1968) of Forest died October 4, 2009, from injuries from a motor vehicle accident.

### *Ernest Spurgeon Mason*
Ernest Spurgeon Mason (Class of 1940) of Newton died Thursday, October 29, 2009, at the Veteran's Home in Kosciusko. He was a U. S. Army Veteran who served his country during World War II. He was a life-long resident of Newton, and a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

### *Jolly Alfred Massey*
Jolly Alfred Massey (Class of 1954) of Canton, MS died Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson. A Leake County native, he was a retired store owner and of the Primitive Baptist faith.

### *Robert C. Roberts*
Robert C. Roberts, 100, died at his home on Monday, September 14, 2009. He is a former teacher, coach and principal and served as Academic Dean/phsyics and biology instructor at East Central Junior College. He retired as Supervisor of Science and coordinator of title III NDEA (National Defense Education Act) with the Mississippi Department of Education.

### *General John Franklin Shields Sims*
General John Franklin Shields Sims (Class of 1940) of Columbus, MS died September 29, 2009, at the age of 90 years young. He was selected Mr. ECJC while attending EC.

# We Get Letters

Mary Rosalyn Rogers Folks
320 Country Club Drive
Picayune, MS 39466

October 15, 2009

Dear Dr. Sutphin, Faculty, Staff, Alumni & Students,

What a great Homecoming! Everyone worked so hard to make the day special. The list of thank yous is indeed long.

Thank you to the faculty and staff that worked registration and set up exhibits. The luncheon meal was delicious – thank you cafeteria staff. Security and Maintenance had buildings and grounds in tip-top shape. Thank you.

The faculty and student guides were very helpful. Thank you, too. The Public Information Department made certain that everyone knew the schedule of events. Your publications prior to Homecoming were first class. Hats off to all of you. Thank you to the alumni office that coordinated everything perfectly.

Thanks to a very exciting overtime victory by our Warrior football team and the terrific halftime performance of the Wall O' Sound – we all left campus beaming with pride.

Dr. Sutphin, how proud you must be of the institution you lead. How proud we all are to have been or are presently students of ECJC & ECCC. I am certainly proud, privileged and honored to have been selected as Alumna of the Year. Once again, thank you to everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Mary Rosalyn Folks '64



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## *Groundbreaking for Davis Science Building*

Participating in groundbreaking ceremonies held Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, for the Aaron R. Davis Science Building at East Central Community College were (from left) Brian Pitts, McMillan-Pitts Construction LLC; Randall Lewis and Bruce Wood, representing JH&H Architects; ECCC Board of Trustees representatives Jack Winstead (vice chairman), Prentice Copeland (chairman) and Royce Shaw (secretary); Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; Patti Davis, ECCC biology instructor and widow of Ron Davis for whom the building is named; Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, ECCC vice president for instruction; Curt Skipper, ECCC science division chairman/biology instructor; State Rep. Billy Nicholson (District 78), State Sen. Giles Ward (District 18), State Reps. Russ Nowell (District 43) and Scott Bounds (District 44); and Stanley Shows, representing Congressman Gregg Harper. State-of-the-art laboratories for science students will be included in the $4.1 million, two-story facility to be located near Cross Hall, where science classes will continue to be offered. Cross Hall will also undergo renovation following completion of the Davis Science Building. Construction for the new facility is scheduled to begin in October 2009. Davis was a longtime biology instructor and division chairman who lost his battle to cancer in April 2006.

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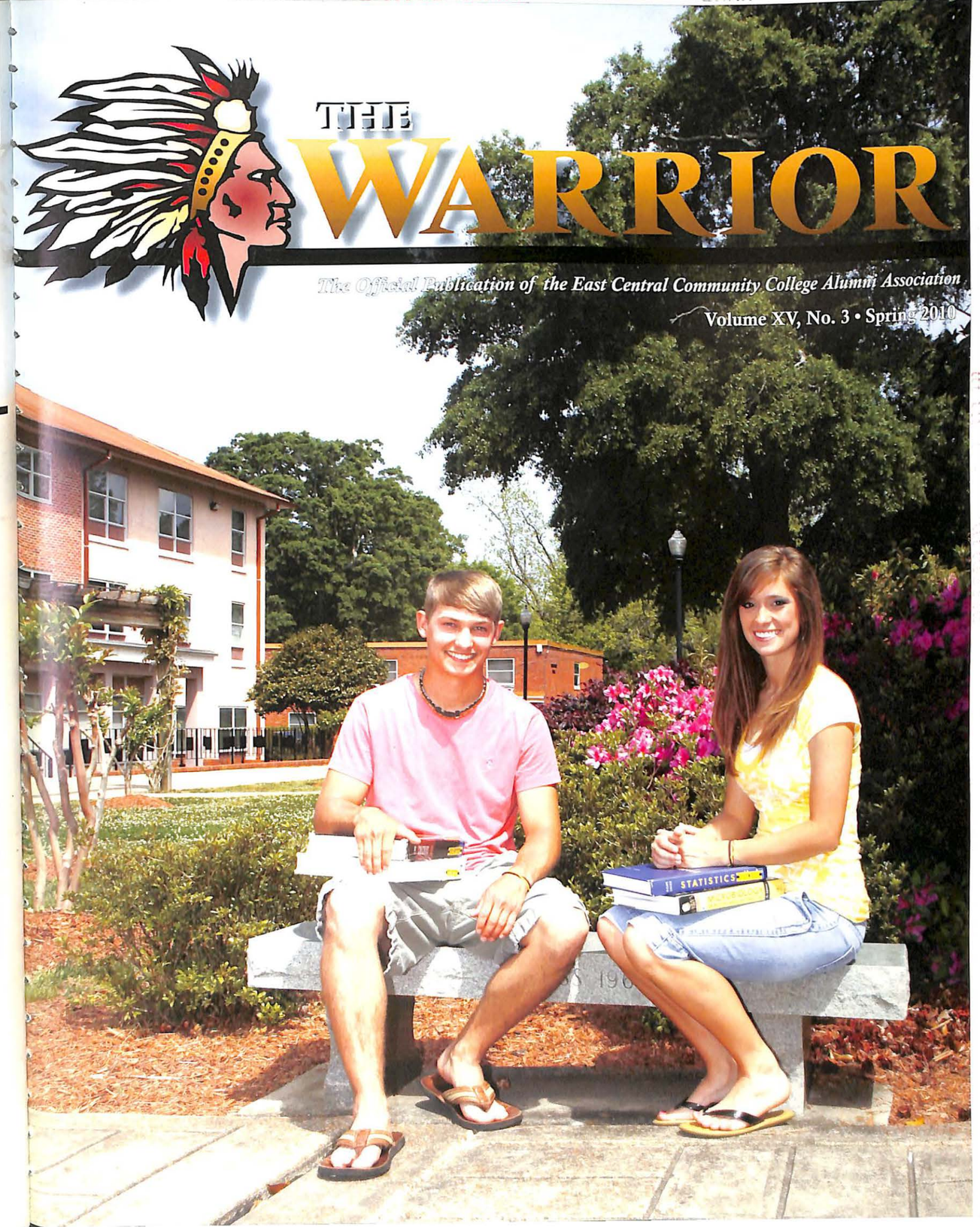

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Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

## *On the Cover*

East Central Community College freshmen Dustin Cushman (left) of Forest and Sami Elkins of Lena enjoy a spring day in the East Mall, located between Mabry Memorial Cafeteria and the Vincent Administration Building. This picturesque area of campus is the focal point of the Day Family Memorial/Arboretum project. Cushman is a graduate of Scott Central High School and Elkins is a Forest High School graduate.

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# *President's Message*

**Dr. Phil Sutphin**

East Central experienced another successful year as we continue to provide educational services in our five-county district. The challenges that come with the economic problems of the nation and the state mean that we have to be creative in allocating our resources so that the mission of the College does not suffer.

As I survey the College I take great pride in the quality of the people who ensure that teaching and learning continues in a pleasant environment. All employees work as a team to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to attaining the mission of the College. We continue to make strides in our physical plant, support services continue to provide results that facilitate learning, and of course, the faculty continues to provide teaching and learning opportunities that prepare our students for the rest of their lives.

This past year ended with an increased enrollment. We helped ten percent more students than the previous year. We are again approaching an all-time high in the number of students served through credit classes, non-credit activities, and workforce training opportunities.

Data obtained from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Report indicated that ECCC is achieving results greater than our comparative colleges in the southeast. Our retention results exceed the norm by 9 percentage points and our graduation rate exceeds the norm by 13 percentage points. Both figures need to improve, however, and we are taking steps to improve our results in those areas.

Transfer grade point averages are another indicator of the success of our students. Each year we receive a report from Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) on the performance of community college transfer students. The results for the fall semester 2009 indicate that native students at the IHL achieved a gpa of 2.71, all community college transfers achieved a gpa of 2.68, and East Central transfers achieved a gpa of 2.81. We take great pride in the fact that our graduates can complete with other transfers and native students at the universities.

EC's student athletes are another source of pride. Our women's soccer team was recognized again as the top academic team in the National Junior College Athletic Association and our softball team had a team gpa of 3.5. Also, several of our student athletes were recognized as NJCAA Academic All-Americans.

Both of our spring sports had good years. The baseball team finished 2nd in the State Tournament and made the Region 23 Tournament. And our fast-pitch softball team finished 2nd in the State Tournament, won the Region 23 Tournament, and finished fourth in the National Tournament out of a 16 team field. We are extremely proud of both programs.

So, ECCC has had a very good year. We have had our share of challenges but we continue to pursue our mission. Further, next year appears to be on the verge of achieving the same level of success.

Thank you for your continued support of East Central.

# Davis Closes Chapter on Education Career

A career spent assisting students achieve their educational goals is coming to a close for Gene Davis, who will officially retire on June 30, 2010, following 25 years of service at East Central Community College.

Davis, who began his employment at East Central in 1985 as dean of students, has served the past 22 years as the College's first dean of adult & continuing education.

His career in education actually spans almost 35 years and includes service at Winston Academy, Mississippi State University and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

"My career in education has been very rewarding," Davis said. "The most rewarding part has been seeing non-traditional students succeed on the college level along with the students of all ages who earned GED diplomas and continued their education at East Central Community College."

Davis said he will miss working with the ABE/GED instructors, adjunct faculty and staff of East Central Community College.

"Many special friendships have developed during my years at the College," he said. "I'm especially appreciative of the support given to me during my tenure at East Central. As I begin a new chapter in my life with doors of opportunity being opened, I will always have a special place in my heart for East Central Community College and the ECCC family."

During Davis' service as dean of students, the College experienced an increase in enrollment each year. Through his leadership, the first recruitment and retention task force was formed to develop

GENE DAVIS

and implement recruiting and retention strategies.

After a successful tenure as dean of students, Davis was named the College's first dean of adult and continuing education in 1988. He quickly expanded the College's academic and technical night classes throughout the district along with initiating the College's Adult Basic Education/General Educational Development (ABE/GED) program by offering classes throughout the five-county area.

He has also served and has been chairman of various committees on the East Central campus.

Davis has held several leadership roles in the Mississippi Community and Junior College system, including his service as president of the Mississippi Student Personnel Dean's Association, president of the Mississippi Association of Adult and Community Education Association, and member of the Mississippi Association of Adult and Continuing Education Board of Directors. He has also served on several Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation review teams throughout the southeastern United States. He is also a recipient of the ABE/GED Supervisor of the Year award.

An avid outdoorsman, Davis is a former president of the Mississippi Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, a 10,000-member conservation organization.

Davis said his plans for retirement include devoting more time to his church. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Louisville and serves as a deacon and secretary of the Diaconate.

"I am most excited about being able to spend more time with my family. I look forward to traveling and attending ECCC and MSU athletic events with my wife, Midge, who was previously employed at ECCC and is now working for the Athletic Department at Mississippi State University," he said. "I also look forward to hunting and fishing with our son, Blake, who is an officer with the Mississippi Department of Transportation Law Enforcement Division."

A Forest native, Davis is a graduate of Louisville High School and Mississippi State University, where he received bachelor's, master's and educational specialist degrees. He also attended then East Central Junior College and has completed additional coursework at MSU and William Carey College.

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# Ford Retiring as ECCC Math Instructor

After serving almost 30 years in the classroom, Sue Ford is ready to begin a new phase in her life.

Ford, who has spent the last 11 years teaching various math courses to students at East Central Community College in Decatur, is retiring effective May 15, 2010.

Ford, a resident of Hickory, said her top priority in retirement is to spend more time with her family.

"My husband (Daryl) and I will now be able to visit our children and grandchildren, who are scattered throughout the Southeast. We will no longer have to miss school performances, Grandparents' Day, etc.," she said. "In addition, I plan to linger longer over my breakfast. Every morning my husband scatters bird seed outside our breakfast room window. We are treated to a smorgasbord of wildlife enjoying their breakfast....while we enjoy ours."

Although she has enjoyed her teaching career, Ford said retirement does not include a return to the classroom.

"Several people have asked me if I plan to teach somewhere else after I retire from East Central," she said. "And I always respond by telling them that if I planned to keep on teaching, I would NOT leave EC. It does not get any better than this!"

In reflecting on her time at EC, Ford said she "has enjoyed many things."

"It is a true joy to work with students who are genuinely interested in learning," she said. "I have enjoyed the friendly relationship among the members of our division, and I have enjoyed the way the administration has related to us. They assume that we are doing our jobs and act accordingly."

Ford, whose 29-year teaching career includes stints at Meridian and Newton high schools, Clarke College in Newton and a year's service in Texas, said her first "serious" thoughts about becoming a teacher was while she was in the third grade.

"Several people have influenced my desire to teach," said Ford. "Mrs. Sarah Nell Dyess was my third grade teacher and first made me want to teach (and in fact I did teach my dolls and teddy bears regularly!). My sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Bernice Jones Barham, reinforced this desire. In high school, Miss Mary Neeley Willingham taught me algebra and then I

SUE FORD

knew I wanted to teach math. I have loved math ever since!"

Ford, who taught developmental algebra, intermediate algebra, college algebra, trigonometry, linear algebra and computer concepts at East Central, said her teaching methods changed over the years due to changes in technology.

"When I first began teaching, there were no handheld calculators or desktop computers," she said. "These two inventions have dramatically changed the teaching of mathematics. Computer tutors such as My Math Lab are wonderful aids and very patient tutors. Calculators that connect to overhead projectors allow students to see relationships much more easily. It is easier to understand something you can actually see."

Ford said the technology – when used appropriately – "can greatly enhance learning."

"I do not like to see young children relying on calculators for basic math facts," she stated. "Once the basics are mastered, technology allows the student to focus on concepts rather than computation."

Ford said the most effective way to reach students is to encourage them to use the technology that is available to them.

"If students will listen in class, try the exercises (My Math Lab will show them examples and guide them through the problems), and then ask questions, they will have an easier time with math," she said.

And what is her biggest challenge in the classroom?

"The biggest challenge I have faced in my career is students who won't put forth the effort to learn the subject matter," she said. "You cannot help students who are not willing to help themselves."

Regarding her thoughts on changes to improve education on the community college level, Ford responded: "I believe a true developmental track would help under-prepared students get a solid start in college. They need basic math, English, reading and speech skills to be successful in all of their other classes."

Ford also provided her thoughts on the future of education for the state's two-year colleges.

"I firmly believe in community college education," she said. "Mississippi was one of the very first states to offer 'junior colleges' as it was known then. Our state will be greatly diminished if reduced funding causes some of the schools to close. Our students, and in reality, our entire population will be the big losers."

Ford, who joined the ECCC faculty in 1999, previously served as business analyst and data processing manager at Burlington Industries in Stonewall. She also taught mathematics for Burlington employees in association with Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

In addition, she is a former division chair, math and computer science instructor at Clarke College, where she was named HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year in 1991.

Ford is a member of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Mississippi Collegiate Mathematics Association, ECCC Administration, Faculty and Staff Association and the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges.

Honors received at East Central include her selection for the Lamplighter program, an annual recognition of the state's outstanding community and junior college

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# Germany Ready to Retire 'But Not Sit Down'

A 52-year career as a collision repair technician and instructor has concluded for Conrad Germany of Union, who has spent the past 20 years sharing his knowledge and expertise with students at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Germany's passion for his vocation is not only reflected by his long tenure but by his dedication to students he has served on the secondary and post-secondary levels for almost three decades.

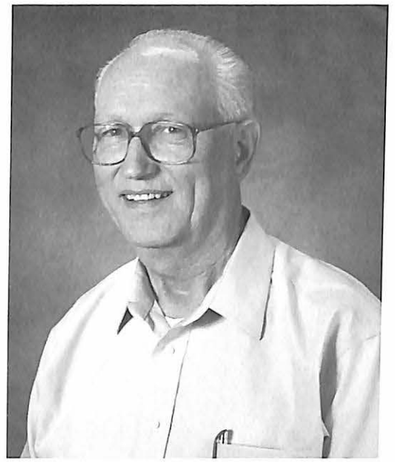
"I started teaching in the first place because I liked working with young people, and that has been the most important part of my tenure at EC," Germany said. "I have always put my students first... and feel I have done my part in trying to uphold our college's motto, 'With You in Mind.' And if you talked to my students, they would probably confirm that they come first each and every day."

Germany's list of subjects taught includes theory and skills of welding, painting, body repair, frame repair, damage appraisals, basic management concepts, customer relations and employee responsibilities. He also provides instruction on maintaining tool and material inventories and keeping tools and equipment in proper working order, and how to requisition and order tools, equipment, materials and supplies.

Germany, who has maintained ASE certification as a Master Body/Paint Technician for numerous years, said he has tried various teaching methods since beginning his career at Escambia County School District in Pensacola, Fla., in 1969. But his original methods seem to work best throughout his 28-year service in the classroom.

"Basically I have used the same system of evaluation throughout my career because it allows me to review the progress of each student. I keep weekly charts – actually a tracking sheet – that includes enough information for me to visualize what each student was doing at that time in the shop. I have a system that works well as evidenced by the success of our students, not only in state and national competition but also when they become members of the workforce."

Germany, who sponsored the Collision Repair chapter of SkillsUSA (previously known as VICA), said he "has a strong



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appreciation" for all the students he has taught and is pleased that many have won awards at state and national competition.

His students placed first in the Mississippi VICA and SkillsUSA competitions in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 and advanced to national competition. The 1995 competitor finished second, missing first place by one point, and the 2007 competitor received honorable mention by placing seventh in the competition held in Kansas City, Missouri. There have also been several second- and third-place finishers since 1995 at the state level.

Germany has also been the recipient of various honors, including his selection as the College's career-technical instructor of the year in 1998. He was selected a Lamplighter the following year, an annual program that recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors.

In addition, he served on the State of Mississippi's curriculum writing teams for both the secondary and post-secondary auto body programs in the fall of 1995. He again served on the post-secondary curriculum revision writing team in 2001 and 2006.

As someone obviously experienced in preparing curriculum for auto body programs, Germany has his thoughts regarding the most effective method of reaching students:

"The curriculum is dictated by the knowledge a teacher brings into the classroom. I cover the subject matter from start to finish in my lectures, but the challenge is to provide each student with a proper amount of the hands-on instruction, and I hope we have been successful in that area."

In reflecting on his career, Germany said becoming a school teacher did not enter his mind until he was an adult.

"I never even thought about a career as an instructor while growing up," Germany stated. "I always liked automobiles and my dad enjoyed having a nice car and owning one that was different from anyone else. I just grew up being very car-aware, and especially enjoyed reading magazines and books on hot rods and other vehicles."

Germany's first teaching job was "quite an experience," he said, and followed employment as a body, frame and paint technician for a Pensacola car dealership. He had also previously worked at several other dealerships after beginning his career as an apprentice in 1958 in Gering, Nebraska.

"My first classroom assignment was to teach afternoon classes for young adults who had dropped out of school or had been in trouble," he said. "I really enjoyed helping these youngsters learn a trade and better their lives."

He taught eight years for the Escambia County School District until moving to the Decatur area in August 1977. He worked in the collision repair shops at various dealerships and operated his own body shop in Union for four years before joining the ECCC career-technical staff in 1990.

Germany, whose education background included attending grade school in Hill City, Kansas, high school in Scottsbluff, Nebraska - from where he graduated in 1960 - and attending college classes at the University of West Florida from 1970-72 and Pensacola Junior College in 1973-74, found himself returning to the classroom at ECCC in 1990.

"It was quite a challenge to teach colli-

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# ECCC Librarians Write Final Chapter Together

After having spent 30-plus years working side-by-side in East Central Community College's Burton Library, Gloria Johnson, head librarian, and Gail Wood, assistant librarian, have decided 2010 will complete their final chapter on the Decatur campus. The duo retired following the spring term.

Wood joined the East Central staff in 1975 and has served as assistant librarian and taught courses in library science and improvement of study. She said it was a difficult decision to give up a job that she loved and enjoyed.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of librarianship, including acquisition, cataloging, reference and bibliographic instructions," Wood said. " It is rewarding to teach students how to locate resources and assist them in becoming lifelong learners, as well as to locate a lost book or a resource needed by a student or colleague. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work with professional, amicable colleagues and with students who have challenged me."

Johnson, who currently serves as head librarian, joined the staff in 1978 as assistant librarian and has also taught courses in library science and improvement of study. She echoed Wood's sentiments.

"Deciding to retire and accepting the fact that I will not be directly affiliated with an educational institution in the fall were very difficult decisions and required considerable soul searching," Johnson said. "I am humbled; I am blessed, and I thank God that he has allowed me to be a part of an environment that has given me great joy and a decent livelihood. From my teaching experiences in the Chicago Public School System to my 32-year tenure with East Central Community College, I have enjoyed working with my colleagues and, especially, my students, who have, on numerous occasions, provided me with many rewarding challenges."

During their tenures, Wood and Johnson have helped lead the way in the development of a children's book collection, the creation of the College's Memorabilia Room, the acquisition of more than 30 years of artwork from the College's art department, development of a campus Book Club and implementation of a Paperback collection.

Wood noted some of the many changes over the past 35 years in Burton Library.

"One of my first duties as a librarian was to catalogue the audio-visual materials, which included audiocassettes, film strips, records and slides," she said. "Those formats have been replaced by DVDs and CDs. Other changes include the replacement of the card catalog with the online catalog and the preferred use of electronic indexes ad databases over print indexes and periodicals."

Wood added, "With the advent of the computer, we thought librarians would not be needed to assist students in research. Librarians are needed more than ever to organize resources and to teach students how to access and evaluate appropriate resources for papers and speeches."

Both Wood and Johnson have served in various capacities for the college, including the Library and Homecoming committees as well as serving as co-sponsors of the Native American Club. In addition, they both serve as mentors for the Central Mississippi Regional Center in Newton.

Additionally, Johnson has served on numerous Southern Association of Colleges and Schools assessment committees throughout the Southeast.

"I am very grateful to East Central for allowing me to become affiliated with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)," Johnson said. "Through my work with SACS, I was chosen to be a part of several committees who made assessments at junior, technical and community colleges throughout the Southeast."

Both librarians were selected to attend the annual Lamplighter's Conference, which honors outstanding community and junior college faculty members. Wood was selected in 2002 and Johnson in 2003.

Retirement plans for both women include more time with their families.

"I will enjoy gardening and traveling with my husband, John, as well as sewing, reading and going to yard sales," said Wood. "We will have a little more flexibility to visit our son, Daniel, and his wife, Kelsi, in Baton Rouge and to spend more time with our daughter, Alison, and her husband, Rev. Allen King."

Johnson said, "In looking toward retirement, I am looking forward to spending time with my family, especially Anthony, John and his wife, Vanessa, and their daughter, Avery Lauren, and my extended families. I also plan to spend time traveling, antiquing/junktiquing, sewing, gardening and reading."

Wood received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara, a master of science degree in library science from the University of Southern Mississippi and completed additional coursework at Jackson State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Johnson completed her bachelor of science degree at Mississippi Valley State University and received the master of library science degree from the University of Mississippi. She has completed additional coursework at Mississippi State University, Jackson State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

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- Class of 1960 • Class of 1970
- Classes of 1979, 1980, and 1981
- Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959
- Warrior Corps

***Saturday, October 2, 2010***

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# Murphy Stepping Down as Career-Tech Director

A career in education that began in 1963 is coming to an end for Robert Murphy of Philadelphia, who has served the past 16 years as director of the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College.

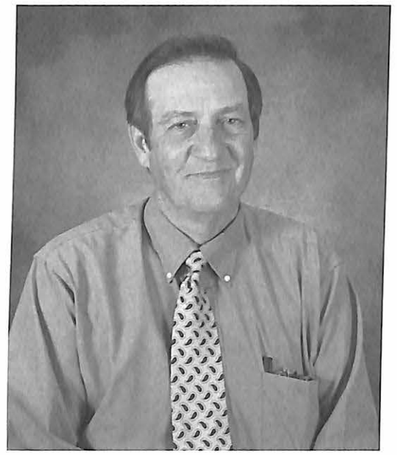
Murphy admitted to having "mixed emotions" as he prepares for his upcoming retirement on June 30, 2010, following 37 years service in education.

"I am looking forward to fishing, traveling and spending time with my family," said Murphy. "I am also saddened by the thought of leaving the staff and students at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center. The friends that I have made over the years mean the most to me."

Murphy began his service as career-tech director in July 1994. He previously served as assistant principal at Neshoba Central High School. He is also a former assistant principal at Riverside High School in Avon, near Greenville. In addition, he is a former vocational director for the Western Line School District in Avon, and was vocational preparation teacher at the C.L. Morris Center, also located in Avon.

Murphy, who said he has enjoyed his career in education, expressed concerns about the current state of affairs.

"I feel that we have some great educators in our school systems," he said, "but



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I am concerned that the threats of cutting budgets and salaries in the state may cause Mississippi to lose some of the state's greatest assets....our teachers."

In addition to challenges in education brought on by budget cuts, Murphy said the other "main" challenge he has faced concerns the advancement in technology, which has also caused "mixed" feelings for the longtime educator.

"I feel that technology is good....but I also feel that in some areas, the system should go back to the basics," he stated.

Murphy, who was encouraged by family members to enter the field of education, offers a simple solution on how to effectively reach students:

"Be firm but fair, and show them that you are interested in their success."

His "motto" has obviously been a success, as evidenced by the hundreds of career-tech students from area high schools who completed programs offered at the Center and successfully entered the workforce.

Programs include allied health, auto mechanics, building trades, business and computer technology, design and merchandising, metal trades and related studies.

"I am very proud of our success and especially proud of the outstanding instructors that we have been blessed to have at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center," said Murphy.

A graduate of Ethel High School and Holmes Junior College, Murphy received a bachelor's degree in industrial education from Mississippi State University and a master's degree in secondary administration and supervision from Delta State University.

He was married to the former Joan Pope of Kosciusko, now deceased. Their daughter, Alicia Murphy, is currently enrolled in nursing school.

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instructors. She has also served as a sponsor of Mu Alpha Theta, a math honorary society, and served on the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation.

A graduate of Meridian High School, Ford received bachelor and master's degrees in mathematics from Mississippi State University, and has done additional post-graduate work at Mississippi College, MSU, University of Southern Mississippi and University of Louisiana at Monroe.

When she is not in the classroom, Ford said her main hobby is heirloom sewing, and noted she has three granddaughters "who enjoy the fruits of my labor." She added, "I have a Christening gown to make for our newest addition, too!" Ford said she also loves to read and work all types of puzzles.

She and Daryl have been married since 1967. They have two daughters and a son. Allegra is married to John Davis and they reside in Atlanta. They have three children, Kira, eight; Connor, seven; and Cooper, three. Stephen and his wife, Lynn, reside in Slidell, La. They have two children, Maxwell, nine; and Noelle, five. They are expecting a third child this year. Shelley is married to Jamie White, and they have a daughter, Lauren, three; and Jacob, a newborn. They reside in Melbourne, Fla.

Sue Ford's mother, Helen Sharp, resides in Meridian.

Now that her teaching career is about to end, Ford offered the following thoughts:

"I have loved teaching at East Central. I will miss the students. I will miss my co-workers and the camaraderie that we share. My final words are that I am proud to be a member of the East Central family and I am proud to be a Warrior!"



# Rigdon Retiring as ECCC Nurse

After serving more than 28 years, Gloria Rigdon is ready to begin a new phase in her life.

Rigdon, who has spent 14 years administering healthcare to students and the previous 13.5 years as a secretary for communications at East Central Community College in Decatur, is retiring effective May 15, 2010.

Rigdon, a resident of Decatur, said her top priority in retirement is to prioritize better - "God, family, friends and work."

"I just felt like it was time to step out on faith and do something different," Rigdon said. "I am looking at retirement as the next chapter in my life. I surely hope it is a great one. The end of the book is getting close!"

Although she said she has enjoyed her career, Rigdon said she is looking forward to traveling and spending more time with family.

"Hopefully, I can make more frequent trips to the mountains and visit some other places I have never been," she said. "Both my grandsons are into sports, so I plan to be at as many of their activities as possible. I do love being a Nana!"

In reflecting on her time at EC, Rigdon, who was a graduate of the first nursing class in EC's history, said she has many fond memories.

"There are many memories about EC that I will hold on to forever," she said. "I will remember the many faculty, students and staff, who I have grown to love through the years. It has been a privilege to have worked with Ovid Vickers, Lucille Wood and Alice Pouncey, just to name a few. I have fond memories that will be with me always."

Rigdon, whose career at ECCC began in 1982, credits administrators and her co-workers for her success.

"I could never begin to repay Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Ms. Barbara Deaton and Ms. Nancy Harris for what they did for me," Rigdon said. "Dr. Smith allowed me to

GLORIA RIGDON

attend school, continue to work and was always supportive of my endeavors. Barbara Deaton is such a dear friend! One that knows all about me and loves me anyway! She and I worked many hours together. We prayed, cried and laughed together many times through the years. She worked around my nursing schedule and helped me in every way possible to accomplish my dream of becoming a nurse.

"Ms. Nancy Harris, the director of the first nursing program, encouraged me with her never-ending faith and belief that I would become a nurse. She was the driving force behind her students of that first class. She used to tell us we were the 'Cream of the Crop.' She was determined we would all succeed. God works through wonderful people like these. For their love and support I will be eternally grateful."

Rigdon said she has always enjoyed working around young people.

"I have always loved and enjoyed caring for them," she said. "They have always been very respectful to me and appreciative of my care. I have found it makes you feel younger working with students."

Rigdon, who is known around campus for her smiling face and tender care, shared a comical memory from her time working as a communications secretary:

"One of the funniest things (after the fact) that ever happened was being on the switchboard the morning the bomb threat was called in. I received the call stating, "There is a bomb on campus." I stated, "Well that's great. What a wonderful way to start a Monday (thinking it was a joke). The young man was caught off guard with such a reply and said, "Lady, I am serious." Needless to say, I quickly responded by calling Dr. (Eddie) Smith (former College President). Everyone was moved to the football field, except guess who? Me! I sat there a few minutes and thought there is something wrong with this picture. I then departed to the football field. There was no bomb, after all."

A graduate of Decatur High School, Rigdon worked at Newton Regional Hospital prior to her tenure at EC.

Rigdon has a daughter and a son. Her daughter, Tammie R. Edwards, a registered nurse with Sta-Home, is married to Matthew J. Edwards, nurse manager over the telemetry floor at Anderson Hospital. They reside in Hickory. They have two children, Jacob, 12 and Jackson, 8. Her son, Lee Rigdon, is a registered nurse and realtor, living in Hattiesburg.

Now that her career at EC is about to end, Rigdon offered the following thoughts:

"East Central has been good to me. I will always be eternally grateful for the friends and opportunities afforded me through the years. It was a very emotional decision to retire. But after much prayer, I believe God has a different path in my life's journey."

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# Weidler to Retire Following 22 Years at ECCC

Burma Weidler received an e-mail from a friend not long ago that contained this statement: "Don't cry about something that is over. Smile because it happened."

As she prepares to retire from East Central Community College following the 2010 spring term, Weidler said, "That is what I shall try to remember when I think about all the wonderful students and associates I have met in my 22 years here at EC."

A Decatur resident, Weidler joined the ECCC staff in 1988 as assistant to the director of financial aid, after having previously worked in the Newton County Chancery Clerk's office.

What has changed the most since she started working on the Decatur campus?

"The volume of work," she said. "My first year was the 1987-88 academic year. That year, the total for Pell Grants awarded was $300,000. I was overwhelmed by that number. I couldn't believe that much free money existed in the world, must less at East Central. Well, this academic year, the total for just Pell Grant will be a little over $7 million! That does not include the millions in scholarships, other grants, work-study and loans."

The most challenging aspect of her job she said is actually rewarding that money.

"The biggest challenge of my job has been getting students to understand the importance of providing requested information in a timely manner. I'm amazed at how difficult it is to give away money!"

The area of technology has also brought tremendous change.

Currently, the College submits information through a web based, paperless loan processing service called Education Loan Management Resources (ELM). A process that once included numerous paper applications and phone calls to different banks is now all done through a web interface to a clearing house, so loans are approved and processed much faster.

However, when Weidler first arrived on campus things were a little different.

"When I first came to EC there were 'dumb' terminals and all were linked by cable with a sequence to them. This cable went to that terminal and down the line to all the offices. If the connection was broken, then all the computers past yours didn't receive information.

"Well, one time I was having a problem entering some information and I couldn't get the 'computer person' to respond. I waited and waited, no response and students were coming out my ears! Then I got the bright idea to unplug the terminal connection thinking, I'll get a response now. Well, I was right and boy did I get a response!"

With the abundance of change, one thing that has stayed the same is the way Weidler works with the students she encounters.

"Although I'm not an instructor, I believe the world is a classroom and a Financial Aid office can be a learning experience," Weidler said. "This office has the unique position of touching the lives of most of our students in a very personal way. In order for us to determine what aid can be offered, we have to ask students and parents questions that most would prefer to keep private. You learn quickly to be tactful and to show respect when talking with them. I think the most effective way to reach students is to speak to each student from the heart. They have an uncanny ability to know when we are truly interested in their well being."

Weidler said her greatest joy at East Central has come in working with the non-traditional students.

"Some have come into my office with such fear in their eyes and all they know is that they want something better, but don't have a clue as to what that is or where to start," she said. "They know that they will face great challenges to make that change and to give them reassurance with words or actions makes everyday a worthwhile day."

She said upon first accepting the job, the numerous holidays such as spring break, Thanksgiving and Christmas were the things she liked best, but that working at East Central quickly became so much more than time off.

"Our community colleges play a vital role in the economic development of the state, providing for many students a necessary shortcut to success," she said.

Weidler also added, "Education on the community college level is great! What I would like to see change is the perception that some people have about a community college education. At the freshman and sophomore level, compared to the universities, the quality of the community college education is the same and for much less money. Potential students and their parents will sometimes say 'there is more to do at the four-year colleges; they can socialize more.' With this statement my thought is always well are you sending your child to college for socialization or an education?"

In reflecting upon her upcoming retirement, Weidler said, "I'm excited and petrified with fear all in the same thought."

As for retirement plans, Weidler said she doesn't have any.

"I'll wait and see how long it takes me to get bored then I will make my retirement plans," she said. "When you work in financial aid you don't have time for hobbies so hopefully those will develop later as well."

Weidler has two children. Heather Weidler Jager is a stay-at-home mother and resides in Meadville, Pa., with her husband, Dr. Menno Jager, and four children. Jason Weidler is an engineer with Northrop Grumman in Ocean Springs and lives in Mobile, Ala.

# Homecoming Reunion Groups

***Saturday, October 2, 2010***

- Class of 1940
- Class of 1950
- Class of 1960
- Class of 1970
- Classes of 1979, 1980, and 1981
- Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959
- Warrior Corps



# Nelson Retires at ECCC

Dewey Nelson (center) of Lawrence was recently honored with a reception on his retirement from East Central Community College in Decatur. Nelson, a plumber/carpenter, served 13 years as a member of the College's maintenance department. Shown with the retiree are Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left), ECCC president; and Artie Foreman, physical plant director, who also presented the retiree with a cash gift.

**GERMANY** (Continued from page 4)

sion repair classes while also being a student, but I needed to have the same degree my students receive after completing the program, which at the time changed from vocational to technical," he said. "Many of my classes transferred from Florida but I still had to take a lot of academic classes here at EC. I graduated in 1994 with a two-year associate's degree."

Germany said it's hard to believe he is retiring but added he has lots of activities on his agenda to keep him busy.

"I am retiring but my plans do not include going home and just sitting down," Germany said. "I have a lot of hobby work planned, such as home repair and gardening, and I still have a 1936 Chevrolet pickup that needs a total restoration. I also plan to be more active in my church (Bluff Springs Church of God in Neshoba County) and maybe do some mission work."

Germany, whose father was reared in rural Neshoba and Newton counties and served as a church pastor, said several of his ancestors helped establish the Bluff Springs Church of God, and he wants to be "more active" in helping to continue the church's success.

Germany is married to the former Patricia Pelfry of Middletown, Ohio. They have three grown sons – Larry, Donald and Randy, all of whom attended ECCC and now have successful careers of their own.

"I'm very proud of my sons and very thankful for the education they received at East Central," Germany said, and added, "I also appreciate my association with EC and the opportunity I had in helping provide the education and training to so many students who have come through the Collision Repair Technology Program."

# *ECCC Announces 2010-11 Cheerleaders*

East Central Community College announced members of the 2010-11 cheerleading squad following tryouts held on the Decatur campus.

Those selected include Ashley Amis, Hailey Dunavant, Whitney Myers, Katie Reeves, Richie Ferguson, Jesse Holloway and Zach Pigg, all of Newton County High School; Ashli Bell and Ashlee Lee, both of Scott Central; Madison Nowell, Winston Academy; Whitney Stokes, Neshoba Central; Will Emmons, Lake; Dayton Johnson and Jacob Johnston, both of Nanih Waiya; and Drew Smith and Dustin Stewart, both of Louisville. Erica Bowie of Forest was selected an alternate.

Shelley Thoms serves as cheerleader coach.

# ECCC's Fulton, Blackwell Receive Academic Honors

East Central Community College sophomores Anna Fulton and Kimberly Blackwell, both of Louisville, were recently named to the 2010 All-Mississippi Academic Team, an annual program honoring scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's two year colleges.

The special program is coordinated by The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

The 55 honorees were recognized March 25, 2010, at the State Capitol by the Mississippi Legislature and guests of honor at a luncheon held at the Jackson Marriott. State Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton served as master of ceremonies.

ANNA FULTON

Fulton is among 15 students statewide chosen on the All-Mississippi First Team and will receive a $1,000 scholarship to continue her education.

As a First Team member, Fulton will also compete for placement on the national All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges, sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

The 20 students receiving All-USA First-Team recognition will be featured in the April 19 issue of USA Today and each will receive a $2,500 stipend.

Fulton was also recently chosen a 2010 Coca-Cola Gold Scholar and will receive a check for $1,500 to continue her education. Selection as a Coca-Cola Scholar is based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and administered by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Recognition of this award will be made in the April 19 issue of USA Today.

Fulton, a President's List scholar with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, chose biological sciences as her program of study. Her career goal is to become a radiologist.

She is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Warrior Corps, Wesley Foundation, Astronomy Club and Baptist Student Union, where she serves as song leader and vocalist. She also serves as co-captain of the Centralettes, the dance line for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band.

In addition, she was chosen a sophomore homecoming maid, freshman class favorite, beauty and selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Her community involvement includes participation in Phi Theta Kappa's Adopt-a-Highway Program and Operation Christmas Child.

She is an honor graduate of Nanih Waiya Attendance Center.

Her parents are Buddy and Robin Fulton of Louisville.

Blackwell was named to the All-Mississippi Academic Second Team, which includes 35 community/junior college students.

She is also a 2010 Cola-Cola National Finalist and will receive a check for $1,000 to continue her education.

Blackwell is a President's List scholar and has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Her major is pre-nursing.

She serves as sophomore class president and vice president for membership for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She is also a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Warrior Corps, Baptist Student Union and ECCC Players.

In addition, Blackwell is a member of the Centralette dance line and participates in intramural sports. She served as a math and English tutor and participated and was a member of the Lady Warrior softball team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes her freshman year.

KIMBERLY BLACKWELL

She is the first recipient of the Iris Boggan Medical Scholarship and received the ECCC Board of Trustees Scholarship.

She was selected a sophomore homecoming maid and named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Her community involvement includes participation in the Phi Theta Kappa Highway Clean-Up Project and Adopt-A-Child for Christmas Program, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Body Association. She also participated with other Baptist Student Union members in Operation Christmas Child in Atlanta and helped collect canned goods for Love's Kitchen in Meridian. In addition, she helped sponsor an ECCC student for BSU missions.

An honor graduate of Nanih Waiya Attendance Central, Blackwell is the daughter of Steve and Pam Blackwell of Louisville.

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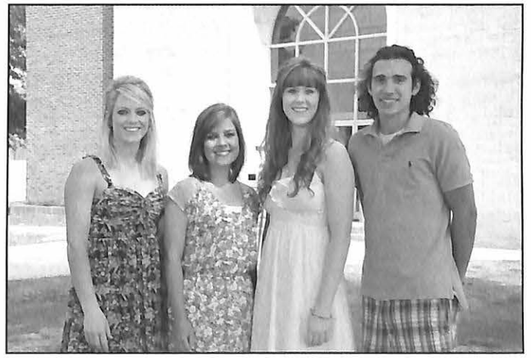
# Award-Winning PBL Students!

Displaying various awards won at state competition are the above members of East Central Community College's Phi Beta Lambda chapter, which placed in 17 of 22 events at the annual contest for business students held in Tupelo. Theta Chi Chapter was also recognized as a Gold Seal Chapter and finished second in fund-raising for the March of Dimes. Award winners include (seated from left) Brittany Morrison of Newton, first place in Free Enterprise Project and Marketing Analysis and Decision Making; Kim Amerson, also of Newton, first place in Business Presentation and Community Service Project and named to Who's Who; Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, first place, Client Service and second, Future Business Executive; Kimberly Goodin of Newton, first place in Free Enterprise Project and Web Site Development; Emily Malone of Carthage, first place in Business Presentation and Community Service Project; Abby McMillan of Newton, first place in Parliamentary Procedures and Small Business Management Plan; and Anna Alexander of Little Rock, first place in Parliamentary Procedures and Public Speaking; and (standing from left) Matt Griffin of Union, first place, Small Business Management Plan and third, Business Decision Making; Casey Shoemaker of Decatur, first place in Business Presentation and Web Site Development; Ryan Gillis of Newton, first place, Parliamentary Procedure and was chosen state parliamentarian; Chance Hall of Forest, first place, Parliamentary Procedures; second, Local Chapter Annual Business Report; and was chosen state vice president; Brian Wiseman of Newton, first place, Digital Video Production and second, Telecommunications; Morgan Bailey of Philadelphia, second place, Job Interview; John Blount, also of Philadelphia, second place, Statistical Analysis and third, Business Decision Making; and Paula Covarrubias of Walnut Grove, second place, Sales Presentation. Not pictured are Jason Hancock of Decatur, first place, Small Business Management Plan and third, Business Decision Making; Shikira Moore of Philadelphia, fourth place, International Business; and Zach Gibbs of Forest, named to Who's Who. The first- and second-place winners advance to the National PBL Leadership Conference scheduled July 9-13, 2010, in Nashville, TN.

## 2010-11 ECCC SBA Officers

These students were recently selected to serve as officers of the Student Body Association at East Central Community College for the 2010-11 college term. From left are Lindsey Bishop, president, of Sebastopol; Anna Alexander, vice president, of Little Rock; Laura Gunn, secretary, of Lake; and Ben Stewart, treasurer, of Grenada. Marcie Pinson, Director of Housing/Student Life, serves as SBA sponsor.



# ECCC to Raise Tuition for 2010-11

Tuition and a few other fees will increase for the 2010-11 term at East Central Community College in Decatur, following action by the College's Board of Trustees during its April 13, 2010, meeting.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the higher fees are necessary due to the recent state budget cuts and the College's increasing enrollment, which reached a record 2,841 students last fall.

"Increasing fees is not something we want to do but we have no choice," said Dr. Sutphin. "Enrollment continues to climb at most community colleges, including EC, during this economic downturn, but public funding, however, is not keeping pace with increasing enrollments and in fact, is decreasing. In most businesses when demand increases, supply increases with the larger revenue produced by the greater demand. That is difficult to achieve in the public sector because the cost of education is subsidized with shrinking government dollars. In our case, 80 percent of our revenue is federal, state or local funds."

Tuition for full-time students will be $895 per semester, an increase of $95. Room fees – for all residence halls except Barber Hall - will increase to $675 from $575. Cost to live in Barber Hall will be $775, an increase of $200.

Part-time students will now pay $90 per credit hour, an increase of $5. The lab fee for healthcare education students has also increased, from $25 to $50.

One fee no longer in effect is the $10 charge to drop or add classes.

The increase in fees, which goes into effect when the first summer term begins in May 2010, is expected to generate approximately $300,000 for the College's general fund, according to Dr. Sutphin.

Students planning to attend ECCC this fall will have four orientation sessions to register for classes. Orientation activities are scheduled Friday, June 4; Saturday, June 26; Thursday, July 15; and Friday, August 13.

Fall classes begin Thursday, August 19.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 206. The e-mail address is dluke@eccc.edu.

## *Repair Work Completed at ECCC Lake*

Various officials are shown in front of the dam portion of the East Central Community College lake, where much-needed repairs were made in response to an erosion problem caused by wave action from the winds of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Through the Watershed Repair and Rehabilitation Cost-Share Program, the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission (MSWCC) worked with the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and ECCC to repair the damage. The front slope of the dam was reshaped and rock rip rap was installed to prevent erosion to the dam in the future. The work was done by Broome Construction of Hattiesburg at a cost of $82,292. The required 10 percent match was contributed by ECCC and MSWCC personnel spent time de-watering the lake in order for repairs to be made. Standing from left are George Heard, board member of the Pat Harrison Waterway District and member of the Newton County Commission of the Soil and Water Conservation District; Mark Gilbert, Environmental Administrator with the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation District; State Senator Terry C. Burton; Don Underwood, Executive Director of the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation District; State Representative Billy Nicholson; Jerry Smith, area vice president of the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation District and ECCC Board of Trustees member; ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin; and Danny Nelson, engineer with the Pat Harrison Waterway District. "ECCC appreciates the work of the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission in repairing the levee of the College lake. The area is a very significant part of our campus and is used extensively by individuals and groups. Cooperative ventures such as this one are very important to the continued improvement of our local environment," said Dr. Sutphin.

## Homecoming 5K Run

***Saturday, October 2, 2010 • North Campus Pavilion***

Registration Begins at 7:30 a.m./Run Begins at 8 a.m.

*Refreshments Provided*

For more information contact the ECCC Alumni Association at 601-635-6327 or e-mail: sholling@eccc.edu



## *ECCC Lady Soccer Warriors Receive NJCAA Academic Honor!*

Academic excellence has again been achieved by the East Central Community College women's soccer program. The 2009 squad was named NJCAA Women's Soccer Academic Team of the Year, after earning a 3.45 grade point average for the fall 2009 term. The Lady Soccer Warriors edged Navarro College of Corsicana, Texas, for the prestigious honor. Navarro posted a 3.43 GPA. The Lady Bulldogs of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College finished third with a 3.42 GPA. ECCC previously won the top academic award in 2005 with a 3.51 GPA and finished fifth (3.24 GPA) in 2006, fourth (3.26 GPA) in 2007 and sixth in 2008 (3.31). The Lady Soccer Warriors are featured in the latest issue of JUCO Review, the official publication of the National Junior College Athletic Association, in recognition of the award. Team members and their respective high schools include (seated from left) forward/midfielder/keeper Laurel Burnett , Neshoba Central; defender Kathryn White, Northeast Lauderdale; forward Jessy Harrison and midfielder Monica Vincent , both of Newton County; midfielder/team captain Alanna Fairchild, Neshoba Central; and midfielder Marcia Guerreiro, Richland; (kneeling from left) midfielder Liz Withers, Neshoba Central; defenders Lisa Tubby of Philadelphia and Sarah Costello of Northeast Lauderdale; midfielder/forward Polly Vaughn, Newton County; defender Jasmine Buclon, New Albany; and midfielder Mamie Shannon, a home-schooled student of Union; and (standing from left) Kenneth Thompson, head coach; Brooke White, assistant coach; midfielder/defender Jacqueline Pionan, Jerupang International, Labuan, Malaysia; keepers/defenders Brandy Greer of Carthage and Brooke Boulton of Newton County; and managers Jarvis Jordan of Long Beach and Jesus Martinez of Grenada; and Kayla Moorehead, East Rankin Academy. Not pictured is keeper Anna-Rose Blaylock of Newton County Academy.

# ECCC Spring Enrollment Shows Increase

Enrollment reached 2,632 students for the 2010 spring term at East Central Community College, an increase of nearly 200 students for the same period last year, announced Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

Included in the total are students from 42 counties throughout the state. Luke noted 622 Neshoba County students, 461 Newton County students, 396 Scott County students, 298 Winston County students and 264 Leake County students. Luke also noted 169 students from Lauderdale County are enrolled as well as 62 students from Jasper County.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the enrollment increase reflects the current economic condition and services offered by the College.

"During a slow economy, community colleges tend to see increases in enrollment," said Dr. Sutphin. "Students generally realize the need for advanced skills and education in a competitive job market such as the one that exists today."

The East Central Community College district includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

## *2010-11 Ac'cents Announced at ECCC*

Members of the 2010-11 Ac'cents show choir at East Central Community College in Decatur were announced following tryouts held on the Decatur campus.

Those selected include Jessy Harrison, Monica Vincent, Tiffany Spence, Polly Vaughn, Richie Ferguson, Cody Strait, Brandon Boulton, Courtney Lanier and Tyler Barrett, all of Newton County High School; Laura Gunn, Lake; Matthew Dempsey, Louisville; and Zack Hutson, McComb.

The Ac'cents perform campus concerts and provide entertainment for various campus events as well as for many civic clubs and organizations.

For more information, contact director Vicki Blaylock at 601-635-6225. The e-mail address is vblaylock@eccc.edu.

# New Staff Members, Personnel Changes at ECCC

East Central Community College recently announced new faculty and staff members for the spring term as well as changes in positions for additional personnel. They include Ryan Clark, Director of ABE/GED; Blake Frazier, assistant football coach; John Arthur (Artie) Foreman, director of the physical plant; Alicia Gatlin, practical nursing instructor; Joe Killens, Director of the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center; and James Miller, Dean of Students.

RYAN CLARKE

Clarke, who begins his new duties on July 1, 2010, currently serves as AEMS Input Manager/GED Examiner for the College's Adult and Continuing Education program, a position he has held since 2003.

In this new position, Clarke is responsible for directing the College's ABE/GED activities in Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

A graduate of Newton County High School, Clarke received an associate's degree from ECCC, a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree in counselor education from Mississippi State University-Meridian.

BLAKE FRAZIER

Frazier, who previously served on the defensive staff at Northwest Mississippi Community College began his new duties on April 1, 2010.

Frazier has spent the past five seasons at Northwest, four of which he served as defensive coordinator. The Rangers were ranked either first or second in total defense for three of his five years at the college.

Prior to joining the Northwest staff, Frazier served as head football coach and defensive coordinator at Cottage Hill Christian High School in Mobile, Ala. He is also a former offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Taylor County High School in Perry, Fla., and previously was linebacker coach at the University of West Alabama. He began his coaching career in 2001 as defensive line coach at Jones County Junior College.

A McComb native, Frazier is a 2000 graduate of Southwest Mississippi Community College. He received a bachelor's degree in science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2002 and is currently pursuing a master's degree from the University of West Alabama.

He is married to the former Penny Hawks of Senatobia and they have an infant daughter, Maisey.

ARTIE FOREMAN

Forman, who began his new duties on Oct. 14, 2009, joined the College's maintenance department in 1993. He was promoted to grounds supervisor in 1997 and was chosen supervisor of maintenance in 2001.

A 1988 graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, Foreman received an associate in applied science degree in drafting and design technology from ECCC in 1990.

He is married to the former Pam Monroe of Meridian. They have a son, Peyton Foreman, a seventh grader at Newton County Middle School.

The Foremans are members of Hopewell Baptist Church in Little Rock, where Artie is a deacon and serves as youth director.

ALICIA GATLIN

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Gatlin served as director of emergency services, assistant director of nursing services and director of patient registration at Scott Regional Hospital in Morton. She has also held nursing assistant and technician positions in various healthcare facilities.

A graduate of Morton High School, Gatlin received an associate's degree in nursing from ECCC in 2006 and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2008. She also holds an associate's degree in computer science from ECCC. In addition, she has attended Hinds Community College and Mississippi State University, where her focus was on Internet security, computer graphics and web design.

Gatlin currently serves as vice president of the District 15 Mississippi Nurses' Association and is a member of various other nursing organizations.

She has two children, Cody, six; and Caley, three.

JOE KILLENS

Killens has spent the past 10 years as Vice President for Student Services at ECCC adn serve three years as Director of Student Life/Student Activities.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff in 1997, Killens served as Alternate School Director for Itawamba County Schools in Fulton. He is also a former economics instructor and coach at Itawamba Agricultural High School. He began his career in education in 1987 as a social studies instructor and coach at Clarkdale Attendance Center in Meridian.

A graduate of Union High School, Killens attended ECCC and received a bachelor's degree in secondary education at the University of Southern Mississippi and has a master's degree from the University of Mississippi.

He is married to the former Teri Flint of Philadelphia and has a son, Kyle, an ECCC graduate transferring to Mississippi State University in the fall, and a daughter, Allie, a rising junior at Saltillo High School.

Miller joined the ECCC staff in August 2005 as an assistant football coach and most recently served as defensive coordinator. His duties also included serving in various capacities in the Student Services area.

A 1999 graduate of Meridian High School, Miller holds a bachelor's degree

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# ECCC Student Newspaper Staff Receives Awards

East Central Community College's student newspaper, The Tom-Tom, was among the top student newspapers in the state recognized during the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held March 25 at the Mississippi Craft Center in Ridgeland.

East Central students earned 12 awards in the Mississippi Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest in the Community and Junior College Division, including second place in the general excellence award, the top award granted for student newspapers in the community college division for the state.

Additional staff awards included first place, Best Layout and Design; first place, Best Single and Miscellaneous Advertisements; second place, Miscellaneous Advertisements; and third place, Best Front Page Design.

Individual award winners included Shaun Cooper, first place, Best Editorial ("Students Should Do Their Part To Assist"); Aaron Morrison of Newton, second place, Best General Interest Column ("Where is God?"); Tara Martin of Forest, second place, Best Cartoon ("Homecoming 2009"); Zachary Eaves of Louisville, third place, Best Feature Story ("Harris Overcomes War Attack"); Samantha Kinard, third place, Best Sports Feature ("Coach Smith Shares Rose Hobby"); and Denetra Darden of Louisville and Tiffany Lowery of Walnut Grove, third place, Best Investigative Package ("Texting While Driving")

The Tom-Tom is a student-led newspaper representative of the student body of East Central Community College. ECCC Publications Coordinator Gennie Phillips of Forest serves as adviser.

*Members of East Central Community College's newspaper staff display various awards presented at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held March 25, 2010. Pictured are: (from left) Zachary Eaves of Louisville, Gunnar Gentry of Decatur, Colby Harvey of Newton; Daniel Alexander of Union, Tyler Watkins and Gennie Phillips (adviser), both of Forest; and J'Markus Dubose, of Union.*

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JAMES MILLER

in computer information systems from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La. He was also a standout member on the Colonel football team and twice earned All-Southland Conference honors at linebacker. He also served as team captain.

Miller is married to the former Sharon Amerson of Meridian. They have a daughter, Destiny.

# Culpepper Receives Newsome Scholarship

Nursing major Corinne Culpepper of Carthage is the recipient of the Stella Weathersby Newsome Scholarsip at East Central Community College.

The scholarship honors the memory of Ms. Newsome, who served the College as a literature instructor and in various other capacities for 30 years from 1928 to 1958. The scholarship is awarded each year to a freshman nontraditional student 23 years old or older who enrolls as a full-time student on the Decatur campus.

For more information on the Newsome Scholarship, contact the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations at 601-635-6327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

# Choctaws Present Police Vehicle to ECCC

East Central Community College in Decatur received a much-needed addition to its relatively new Police Department thanks to a recent donation by the Department of Public Safety for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Wendell Willis (left), captain of patrol operations, presents keys to a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car to Jonathan Peeples (center), ECCC police chief, while Ken Butler, public safety department director, looks on. Chief Peeples said the College "very much appreciates the patrol car and other equipment donated by Choctaw Law Enforcement. The car and other items will help us tremendously as we continue efforts in establishing a first-class police department at East Central Community College."

# *ECCC Students Receiving State SkillsUSA Honors*

These East Central Community College career-technical students received various awards at the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championship held April 14-15, 2010, at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston. Winning first-place honors in their respective categories and qualifying for national competition are (seated from left) Hannah Watkins (architectural drafting) and Eddie Fondren (technical drafting), both of Union; Richard Adams (commercial baking), Philadelphia; Kristie Robinson (promotional bulletin board), Forest; and Crystal Tucker (promotional bulletin board), Meridian. Placing second in their respective categories were (second row, from left) Cody Buckley (residential wiring), Forest; Shelby Shelley (CNC Milling Technology), Sebastopol; Lindsay Bozeman (CNC Turning Technology), Philadelphia; Tim Patterson (precision machine technology), McCool; Cody Mason (cabinetmaking), Union; and Angela Melton (prepared speech), Hickory. Third-place winners included (back row, from left) Josh Taylor (welding), Forest; Trent Hill (collision repair technology), Philadelphia; Shonda Johnson (job interview), Newton; and Opening and Closing team members Danielle Shoemaker, Decatur; Amy Johnson and Carrie Stokes, both of Philadelphia; Megan Carlisle, Gilbertown, Ala.; Maree Kidd, Newton; Raquel Simmons, Philadelphia; and Chelsey Boatner, Louisville. Not pictured is Austin Mather of Decatur, a third-place winner in automotive service technology. The National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference will be held June 21-25, 2010, in Kansas City, Missouri.



# Ruth Round Volunteer Scholarship Established at ECCC

A scholarship in honor of Ruth Round of Newton was recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

The endowed scholarship was established by Newton Community Healthcare, Inc. The announcement of the new scholarship was made at a reception held in February to recognize Round for her more than 22 years of volunteer service to Newton Regional Hospital.

An ECCC alumnus, Round served as president of the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at the hospital in Newton and contributed more than 40,000 volunteer hours of service. She also volunteered her services with the Town and Country Garden Club, Friends of the Depot, Newton County Homemakers Council, Newton County Advisory Council, Liberty Community Club and the Newton Chamber of Commerce.

She was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the Mississippi Hospital Association and Woman of the Year by the Newton Chamber of Commerce.

The scholarship will be awarded each fall semester to a student who is enrolled in a healthcare program. To be eligible, applicants must: have a history of volunteer service; be a resident of Newton County; and be enrolled as a freshman or a sophomore student at ECCC.

Applications for the Ruth Round Volunteer Scholarship are available in the ECCC Student Services office.

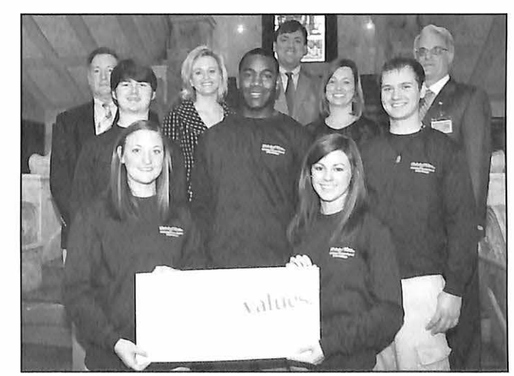
The award recipient will be selected by the College's Scholarship Committee.

For more information contact ECCC Student Services, 601.635.2111 or call toll free, 877.462.3222, ext. 205.

*Newton Community Healthcare, Inc. recently honored Ruth Round (center) of Newton with an endowed scholarship at East Central Community College. The announcement of the new scholarship was made at a reception held in February to recognize Round for her more than 22 years of volunteer service to the hospital in Newton. Pictured are: (from left) Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, Round and Tim Thomas, Director of Newton Community Healthcare, Inc.*

# ECCC's Capitol Day Participants

Representing East Central Community College at the annual Capitol Day activities held Feb. 18, 2010, in Jackson were (front, from left) sophomore Abby McMillan of Newton and freshman Monica Vincent of Decatur; (second row, from left) sophomores Kurt Simoneau of Louin, Quin Stokes of Carthage and Zach Gibbs of Forest; and (back row, from left) faculty members Marc McCool of Louisville, Kate Covich of Rose Hill and Christy Ferguson of Philadelphia; and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who were joined in the photo by State Rep. Russ Nowell of Louisville. Sponsored by the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, Capitol Day is held to bring attention to the funding needs of the state's community and junior colleges and to promote the colleges' ongoing Mississippi Values message. Gov. Haley Barbour, Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant, Dr. Eric Clark, executive director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; and Rep. Kelvin Buck of Holly Springs, who serves as chairman of House Universities and Colleges Committee, and several community and junior college students were among speakers at the morning press conference, attended by approximately 200 community and junior college students and faculty.



# *ECCC Board of Trustees*

Serving on the East Central Community College Board of Trustees are (first row, from left) Vernon Crotwell, Morton; Van Lucas, Newton; Royce Shaw (secretary), Forest; Prentice Copeland (chairman), Philadelphia; Jerry Nance, Louisville; Ricky Goldman, Philadelphia; Annie Stowers, Forest; and Lois Cooper, Decatur; (second row, from left) William E. Kitchings, Carthage; Rebecca Farris, Morton; Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth, Lake; Pat Cleveland, Conehatta; Jack Winstead (vice chairman), Lawrence; Monte Ladner, Leake County Superintendent of Education; Jerry W. Smith, Philadelphia; and Patsy Clark, Louisville; and (top row, from left) Edsel Cliburn, Union; Frank McCurdy, Scott County Superintendent of Education; David Byars, Philadelphia; W. B. Jones, Walnut Grove; Leo Parker, Noxapater; Alan D. Rhea, Carthage; George Shaw, Neshoba County Superintendent of Education; and Pat Ross, Newton County Superintendent of Education. Also serving on the Board but not pictured are Janie Wilbanks and Dr. Kimsey O. Cooper, both of Carthage; Beverly Hart, Union; Randal Livingston and Delane Hudson, both of Louisville; and Dr. William C. Wade, Superintendent, Louisville Municipal School District.

## Board of Trustees Officers

Recently re-elected to two-year terms as officers of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees are (from left) Prentice Copeland, chairman, of Philadelphia; Jack Winstead, vice chairman, of Lawrence; and Royce Shaw, secretary, of Forest, who are shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Copeland begins his eighth term as chairman and Winstead is in his fifth term. Shaw begins his fourth term as secretary. The elections were held at the February 2010 meeting on the Decatur campus. East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

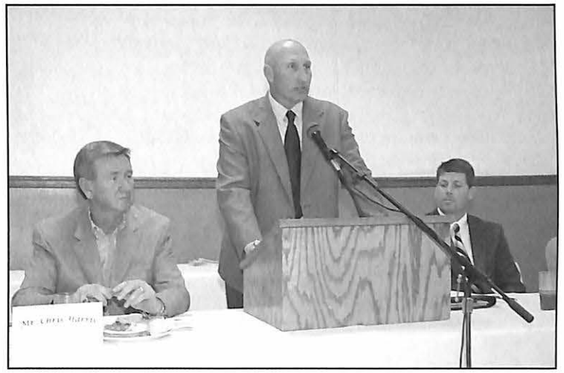
## *Provides Funds for EC Athletics*

East Central Community College's Athletic Department received a financial boost from the Decatur Lions Club following a presentation held recently on the Decatur campus. Club member Bobby Addy (left) is shown presenting a check for $500 to Athletic Director Chris Harris, who said the donation will be used to help pay expenses for College teams advancing to post-season competition. At right is Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, whose office also coordinates fundraising for the Warrior Club, a support group for ECCC athletics.

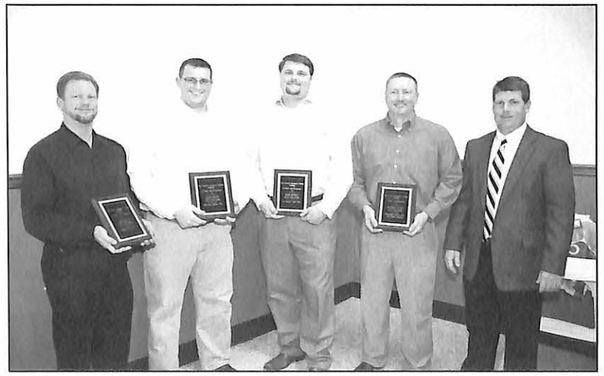
## *Diamond Warriors Honored at Banquet*

Special recognition was given to members of the East Central Community College baseball team (left) during the fourth annual First-Pitch Banquet held Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, on the Decatur campus. Diamond Warriors receiving honors included (second from left) Jerrod Myers of Jackson St. Andrews, credited with this year's team motto, "Coming Together Is a Beginning; Staying Together Is a Progress, Working Together Is a Success;" Jeremy May, a product of Newton County High School and Ernie Triplett of Louisville, selected team co-captains; and Quin Stokes of Carthage, winner of last fall's home run derby. The presentations were made by Neal Holliman (left), ECCC head baseball coach.

## Berry Issues Challenge to EC Players



Scott Berry, first-year head baseball coach at the University of Southern Mississippi, address a large gathering of East Central Community College baseball supporters at the College's annual First-Pitch Dinner held February 5, 2010, on the Decatur campus. During his remarks, Coach Berry challenged the Diamond Warriors "to take advantage of the opportunity" they have to play baseball at the community/junior college level. Berry related to his junior college days as a baseball player in Missouri, describing the experience "as the most important years of my life." It was during this time, Berry said, when he learned to excel through "hard work and discipline...making sacrifices... and making the right choices." Berry told the ECCC squad that "a team of discipline...and one that has the right chemistry...wins on the field." Berry served nine years as an assistant to USM head baseball Coach Corky Palmer. During this period, the Golden Eagles amassed a 346-197 record, highlight by last year's appearance in the College World Series. Prior to joining Palmer's staff, Berry was head coach at Meridian Community College, compiling a 186-57 record, including two NJCAA World Series appearances, three Region 23 titles and four Mississippi/Louisiana championships. He also received numerous coaching honors. Also shown (from left) are Chris Harris, ECCC athletic director, and Neal Holliman, Diamond Warrior head coach. The fourth annual program also included introduction of team members and Diamond Darlings for the 2010 campaign.



## *Former Diamond Warriors Honored*

These former East Central Community College baseball players who continued their careers on the professional level received special recognition at the fourth annual First-Pitch Dinner held Friday, Feb. 5, 2010. From left are Keith McGee (1987-89) of Brandon, a member of the 1991 Dayton Astros team; Jason Willis (1997-99) of Philadelphia, drafted by the New York Yankees in 1999; Allen Buckley (1998-2000) of Brandon, tapped by the Los Angeles Angels in 2003; and Shannon Cooley (1992-94) of Decatur, a 24th round selection of Philadelphia Phillies in 1996. Also recognized but not present were current professional baseball players ZeEricka Hall (2007-09) of Carthage, a 29th round selection of the New York Mets in 2009, and Daniel Eichelberger (2008-09) of Louisville, who was drafted in the 20th round by the Los Angeles Angels in 2009. Also shown is Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach.

# Alumni Weddings

Kaci Jean Allen to Kristopher Kyle McDill
Lauren Elizabeth Beckham to Michael Shane Robertson
Lanee Brewer to Bryan Hand
Clancy Lessine Cleveland to Dustin Cole Hamrick
Kimberly Lois Cleveland to Talmage Gene Jayroe II
Amber Lynn Collins to James Kerney Wall
Whitney Leigh Crawford to Harrison Crosby Willis
Krisha Leigh Dickens to Kyle William Agent
Jessica Lauren Ellis to David Brandon Burt
Ashley Evans to Jonathan Sawyer
Chafony Charmaine Evans to Marquios Keon Poole
Haley Marie Fisher to Larry Adam Boykin
Elizabeth Anna Gaddis to Corey Lynn Shoemaker
Alexandria Graham to Dendrick McCarty
Carrie Brooke Griffith to Aaron Corey Sibley
Kelly Marie Haden to Ryan Nicholas Meeks
Shelley Lauren Hatch to Jeremy Scott Wright
Seana Mechelle Jayroe to Joshua Darrell Benson
Teresa Ann Jenkins to Kyle Joshua Eaves
Christina Little to Van Alvin Lucas II
Margaret Dean McDill to Corey Stephen Irby
Whitnee McMichael to Chance Parhm
Carrie Leigh Mitchell to Joseph Andrew Sistrunk
Erin Moody to Richard Goldman
Sharli Amanda Moulds to Joel Christopher Daigle
Rebecca Danielle Myers to Wes Cox
Anna Catherine Munn to Kevin Lewis Bennett
Ashley Leigh Nicholson to Christopher Scott Massey
Stephanie Marie Pace to Terry Ray Fuson
Paige Lynn Posey to Joshua Jackson
Elizabeth Jean Powell to Trevor Clanton Theilen
Rebecca Lindsey Rogers to Joshua Kenneth Lang
Mallary Kate Seale to Nathan Len Cumberland
Kristina Marie Scrivener to Scott Michael Round
Carrie Elizabeth Shrock to David Wesley Haggard
Jennifer Leah Sistrunk to Mitchell Edwards
LaKeisha Young Smith to Tywan Stafford
Melanie Faith Stokes to Cody Burton Eakes
Kimberly LaShea Thornton to Amos Jackson Thames
Jenna Lillian Tolbert to Joseph Derek Mosley
Neolar Washington to LeSean Jackson
Roxanne Ealy Wilson to Claudis Edward Gunn II
Brooklyn Nicole Winstead to Jody Ray Addy
Kerrie Beth Wooten to Kanny Ray Moore

## *Pounceys Celebrate 50th Anniversary*

Ken and Alice Pouncey of Decatur celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 20, 2009 in the Gold Room of Mabry Cafeteria at ECCC. They were married at Concord Methodist Church in Enterprise on December 20, 1959.

## Join the Alumni Assoication!

For more information contact
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The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.



# Alumni News Briefs

**Chris (Class of 2003) and Wendy Carson** announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Quinn Carson on January 26, 2010. She was 19 inches long and weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces. Grandparents are Tom and Brenda Carson.

**Bo (Class of 1999) and Lindsey Cheatham Burkes (Class of 2003)**, announce the birth of their son, Hayes Burkes, on February 11, 2010. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

**Adam (Class of 2004) and Brandy Godwin** of Newton announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Klaire Godwin, born February 22, 2010. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

**Neal and Tracy (Class of 1993) Blackburn Holliman** announce the birth of their son, Hayes Landon Holliman, on January 27, 2010. He weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces.

**Robert and Lela Ladner Hester (Class of 1992)** announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Ella Hester, on April 23, 2009. Mary Ella was also welcomed by her big brother, Carter.

**David (Class of 1990) and Libby Wansley** of Columbus announce the birth of their son, Samuel Harrison Wansley, born on March 12, 2010. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 22 inches long. He was also welcomed by his big sister, Katie, and brother, John David.

**Kyle (Class of 2000) and Huellen (Class of 2000) Watson** announce the birth of their son, Kellan Wade, on January 14, 2010. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. He was also welcomed by big brother, Austin.

**Dr. L.B. Adkins(Class of 1947)** recently retired after more than 50 years in his optometry practice on Main Street in Union.

**Ricardo Alcantar (Class of 2006)** of Hickory was included in a Clarion-Ledger newspaper article, which featured people who "made a crucial choice about the conduct of their lives and are confident they are now on the right track." His family moved here to take care of his sick grandmother. She died in 2006, but some of the family stayed here. Alcantar said in the article that the life he found when he moved to Mississippi really saved him. "I had grown up in Chicago around a bunch of gangs," he said. "I wasn't into sports, but when I came down here, I got into it, and that's what kept me out of trouble." Alcantar played point guard for the East Central Community College men's basketball team and then was recruited by Mississippi College. He paid for his education through academic scholarships. He received his degree in sports management in December.

**Beth Alexander (Class of 2008)**, an Honors College senior and Broadcast Journalism major at the University of Southern Mississippi, was the recipient of the Marvin and Betty Reuben Broadcast Communication Scholarship for 2009-2010. This is the largest scholarship awarded annually to one understanding Mass Communication major at USM, totaling $5500. Beth was also chosen by The Mississippi Broadcaster's Association to receive an annual scholarship of $2000 awarded to promising broadcast students from around the state. Alexander will graduate from USM in May 2010. She is an intern at WDAM-TV (Laurel/Hattiesburg, Channel 7) serving as News Director for WUSM 88.5 FM and is employed by the USM School of Mass Communication and Journalism Department. She is serving as president of both the Transfer Leadership Board and Tau Sigma and is a member of Phi Kappa Honor Society and the Student Broadcast Association.

**Richard Ballard (Class of 1976)** was named corporate secretary of the Taylor Group. He has served as vice president and general counsel since 1988. He graduated from East Central Community College and received bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Mississippi.

**Amanda Boykin** of Montrose has recently been promoted to Customer Care Representative at TEC in Bay Springs after being employed with the company for six years.

**David Burt (Class of 2003)** of Hickory has been named Assistant Vice President of Newton County Bank in Newton. Burt has over five years of financial experience with BankPlus in Newton and Meridian.

**Nancy Chambers**, who is currently serving her third term as mayor of the City of Forest, was recently selected as second vice-president in the Mississippi Municipal League. She became the first Forest official to be elected to the league's leadership board and only the third woman elected. The second vice-president is the only elected office in the League and there is an automatic rotation to first vice-president and then president.

ECCC alumnus and former head football coach **Steve Cheatham (Class of 1976)** of Philadelphia was named head football coach at Choctaw Central High School. He previously served as elementary physical education teacher and coached junior high boys and girls basketball at Conehatta School, a part of the Choctaw Tribal School System.

**Raymond Clark (Class of 1968)**, superintendent of the Forest Municipal School District since 2008, has resigned effective June 30, 2010.

**Cheryl Comans (Class of 1981)** of Cleveland and formerly of Decatur, was recently awarded a Master's Degree in Business Administration by Delta State University and was initiated into Beta Rho Chapter of Delta Mu Delta at the University. The society, an international honor scholastic organization in business, recognizes those graduate students with a cumulative average of 96 or higher and who are within the top twenty per cent of their graduating class. Initiates must exemplify strong leadership ability in the college of business and be of good character. Comans, who is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Raymond Comans of Decatur, currently serves with Entergy Mississippi as Customer Service Manager for Bolivar, Sunflower and Leflore Counties.

**Tom Wallace Cox (Class of 1959)** of Philadelphia retired in January 2010, after having served 46 years as the Neshoba County engineer.

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**Charlie Hughes (Class of 1983)** retired from the U.S. Army on January 1st, after 24 years, 8 months, and 5 days of service. He did five tours in Iraq and two tours in Korea and Germany. He currently resides in Georgia. He and his wife, Carolyn, have four children. His oldest son will graduate from college in May.

The late **Sue Gunter (Class of 1958)**, a native of Walnut Grove, was posthumously inducted into the Louisiana State University Athletic Hall of Fame on April 24, 2010. Gunter served as head coach of the Lady Tigers basketball team from 1982 to 2004 and became the winningest coach in the program's history with 442 victories. She is the third-winningest coach in NCAA women's basketball history with 708 victories. She was previously inducted in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Dr. Gayle Harrell (Class of 1984)** of Forest will serve as the primary attending physician of Unipres USA Southeast's new clinic.

**Flo Henley (Class of 1981)** is serving as president of the Starkville Area Habitat for Humanity. The organization completed its first "Maroon Edition" Habitat House in December. Forty-two houses have been built by the Starkville group, but this was the first partnership with Mississippi State University. More than 700 volunteers, including MSU faculty, staff and students, friends and community members, worked on the house.

**Dr. James W. "Jimmy" Hollingsworth (Class of 1985)** a member of the ECCC Board of Trustees who practices general dentistry in Newton, delievered the spring commencement address at Mississippi State University-Meridian during ceremonies held at the MSU-Riley Center.

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**L. Ray Humphreys (Class of 1965)** was recently named CEO of Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian following nine years as CEO and president of Greenville's Delta Regional Medical Center. He served as CEO and COO of Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg from 1976 to 2000. Humphreys began his career in healthcare administration at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Vicksburg in 1970.

**Pauline Matthews** recently celebrated her 100th birthday at the Bluff Springs Church of God.

**Marcus Mann (Class of 1994)** was featured in Week 15 of Rewind Wednesday, where the Clarion-Ledger's Rod Walker chats with former high school standout athletes. Mann was an All-State basketball player at South Leake High School before helping lead East Centra Community College to a state title in 1993. He continued his career at Mississippi Valley State, where he was named SWAC Player of the Year and was a second round draft choice by the Golden State Warriors in 1996.

**Mark Norman (Class of 1993)** was recently named administrator of Pioneer Community Hospital of Newton.

**Miles Porter (Class of 1988)** was recently named head football coach at Morton High School. He previously served the Panthers as junior high head football coach and assistant principal at Bettye Mae Jack Middle School. He is a graduate of Morton High School, East Central Community College and Belhaven College.

**Jimmy Rea (Class of 1958)** of Brandon was recently inducted into the Louisiana College Sports Hall of Fame. Rea is a native of Philadelphia. He graduated from Philadelphia High School in 1956 and played football for two seasons at East Central Junior College before accepting a football scholarship to Louisiana College in Pineville. After graduation, Rea taught and coached in the Moss Point and Greenwood schools before returning to Philadelphia where he owned new and used car lots and a car auction company. Rea and his brother, Kenny, and son, John, currently own and operate Rea Brothers Mid-South Auction located in Pearl.

**Pete Reynolds** was recently named corporate treasurer of the Taylor Group. He joined the company in 1977. He is a graduate of East Central Community College and Mississippi College. He was named purchasing agent in 1987.

**Reginald Thames (Class of 1945)** served as the Grand Marshall of the 2009 Decatur Christmas Parade sponsored by the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce. He is an alumnus and former member of the College's Board of Trustees.

**Melvin Tingle (Class of 1961)** was honored as a "Hero of Conservation" by Ducks Unlimited in Jackson on August 1, 2009. Tingle is host of the television program "Mississippi Outdoors."

**Hillary Meagan Vaughn**, a sophomore at East Central Community College, will participate in the 2010 Miss Indian World Pageant in Albuquerque, NM, held in conjunction with the Gathering of Nations Powwow, North America's largest Native American celebration.

**Amy Gomillion Ware** and her husband, Marty Ware, were featured in a Clarion-Ledger newspaper article on Valentine's Day, which focused on couples and their engagement stories. Marty made special plans to propose at the New Orleans Aquarium of the Americas in 2003. The now-married couple lives in Brandon with their two-year-old daughter, Madilyn Elizabeth.

**Jack Winstead (Class of 1956)** received the National Association of Conservation Districts/ Natural Resource Conservation Service Olin Sims Conservation Leadership Award, recognizing superior service to the conservation community in promoting and leading conservation on private lands.



# *Frances Harris Smith: 1899-2010*

## *Last Surviving Member of First ECJC Class*

*by Ovid Vickers*

She was the last member of a distinguished group, the first class to enter East Central Junior College. Mrs. Frances Harris Smith, who passed away, Friday, January 22, 2010, enrolled at the college in 1928, the year EC was founded.

Although Mrs. Smith entered East Central in 1928, she did not graduate with the first class. In an interview conducted in 2005 by the college public relations staff, she explained about graduating with the class of 1931. "You see," she said, "my father thought I should stay in school until I had taken all the courses offered by the college."

During the first years the college was in operation, only the courses required for transfer were offered. The faculty consisted of two instructors, Mr. Robert Marshall and Mrs. Stella Newsome. Mr. Marshall taught science and mathematics, and Mrs. Newsome taught English, History, and Literature. Mrs Smith spoke with great respect and admiration for her college teachers. She declared that Mrs. Newsome was an inspiration to anyone who was privileged to sit in her classes. Mrs. Smith saw Mr. Marshall as a thorough and well-grounded instructor who made a concerted effort to teach students the things they needed to know in order to transfer or go out into the working world.

*Frances Harris Smith*

Mrs. Smith began her education at a two-teacher school in the Chapel Hill community of Newton County. She later attended school in Decatur and spent her high school years at the Newton County Agricultural High School in Decatur.

She enjoyed telling of her first school years when she rode to school in a mule-drawn wagon which went around the community and gathered up the pupils. She referred to this wagon as the "school wagon" and told of how the students hoped it would not rain as the wagon was open to the elements.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur where she served for many years as an assistant in the church nursery. She was a dedicated and loyal member of the church.

She was an active lady throughout her 101 years. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and assisting her husband in the dairy business. Immediately after graduating from East Central, she taught in the Newton County School System. When she married J. B. Smith, she traveled with him to the various military posts where he was stationed. Later, she was office manager for the Newton County Farm Bureau for many years and was known for her managerial skills. She saw the Bureau move from offices in the old jail to the Agriculture Building and then to the Bureau's own office building.

Surviving members of her family include two sisters, Evelyn H. Stafford and Mildred H. Gibbons, and one brother, Jessie M. Harris, and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Monroe Harris and Nellie Rowzee Harris and her husband J. B. Smith. Three brothers, James C. Harris, William Harris, and Charles M. Harris, and two sisters, Dorothy M. Wooley and Rebecca M. Smith, also preceded her in death.

In 2003 Mrs. Smith was honored by being chosen Alumna of the Year by East Central Community College. She was recognized for her continued loyalty to the college and for her generosity in support of the college. Her picture hangs in the Memorabilia Room of Burton Library along with others who have been honored by the college.

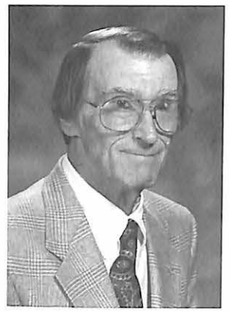
During the interview in 2005 conducted by Ovid Vickers and Bubby Johnston, Mrs. Smith shared her memories of her days at East Central. This video taped interview is now on file in Burton Library. At the time of the interview, Mrs. Smith was 95. She spoke with great clarity, and this interview is a testimony to her ability to recall with great accuracy her college days at East Central.

## *ECCC Staffers Honored*

Special recognition was given to the above East Central Community College staff members at the College's annual Administrative Assistants Appreciation Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. Shelia Stamper (left) of Decatur was honored for 20 years service in the Business Office and Teri Killens, also of Decatur, was recognized for her 10 years as an ECCC employee. Killens currently serves as administrative assistant to the vice president for instruction. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin presented resolutions to the honorees and expressed appreciation to all administrative assistants for their service to the College.

# Thrash Auditorium Dedicated at ECCC

A dedication program was held recently to officially name East Central Community College's Room 60 in Newton Hall the Thomas W. Thrash Auditorium, honoring the late educator for his 40 years of service at the College.



*Thomas W. Thrash*

The ceremony was held Sunday, December 13 on the Decatur campus.

Participating in the dedication ceremony were Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; Dr. Richard C. Ethridge, retired social science division chair and instructor; Ovid S. Vickers, retired humanities and fine arts division chair and instructor; the Rev. Bruce L. Taylor, Decatur United Methodist Church; and the Rev. Henry B. Moreau, ECCC Class of 1959. Jeanette Thrash provided a response from the family and presented a check to Dr. Sutphin for the annual Thomas W. Thrash Memorial Scholarship.

"It is most appropriate that we name the auditorium in memory of Mr. Thrash," said Dr. Sutphin. "He was an outstanding instructor who lived and breathed East Central Community College, as evidenced by his long and successful career. He also taught many classes in the same auditorium that will now bear his name."

Thrash, who died on Sept. 6, 2002, served as Chairman of the Social Science, Education and Business Division in addition to teaching social science classes.

He received numerous awards throughout his career, which began and ended at ECCC.

He was selected Academic Instructor of the Year in 1987 and received an award for teaching excellence at the annual NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Conference in 1989 at the University of Texas in Austin. In 1992, he was selected to participate in the annual Lamplighter Program, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. He also participated in the Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program at Mississippi State University in 1998.

In addition, Thrash was recognized as the College's Humanities Teacher of the Year in 1999, an annual program sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council in celebration of Arts and Humanities Month. During his lecture, Thrash spoke on "The Impact of Rev. N.C. Clarke on Newton County, Miss." The Rev. Clarke, a great, great grandfather of Mr. Thrash, was the founder and first pastor of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. Clarke Memorial College in Newton was later named in his honor.

Thrash also served as campus coordinator for the Smithsonian exhibit, "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45," a collection of wartime posters provided by the Institution's Traveling Exhibition Services. The exhibit made its Mississippi debut at East Central in September 2001.

He was a member of Decatur United Methodist Church, the National Council of Instructional Administrators, Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, ECCC Alumni Association and Gamma Nu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at Mississippi State University.

Thrash was awarded lifetime membership in the Mississippi Jaycees and the Jaycee International Senate. He was presented numerous Distinguished Service awards during his tenure as Area Vice President of the Mississippi Jaycees.

He served in the Mississippi National Guard and was a member of the Decatur Country Club Board of Directors for more than 30 years.

Thrash was a graduate of Newton High School, ECJC and Mississippi State University, where he received bachelor and master's degrees. He completed additional studies at MSU and the University of Southern Mississippi.

He began his teaching career in 1962 at East Central.

Thrash was married to the former Jeanette Beevers and they had two daughters, Mev and Melissa. Mev and her husband Robbie Knight have two children, Kelsi and Logan, and they reside in Meridian. Melissa is married to Robert Carleton and they have one child, Hob, and reside in Union.

*Members of the Thomas W. Thrash family stand below lettering designating the new name of the Newton Hall auditorium on the East Central Community College campus. Information regarding his distinguished career is included on an engraved plaque, also shown. From left are Robbie and Mev (Thrash) Knight and daughter Kelsi, all of Meridian; Mrs. Thomas W. (Jeanette) Thrash, Decatur; Logan Knight, Meridian; and Hob, Melissa (Thrash) and Robert Carleton, all of Union. Thrash's portrait is also prominently displayed in the Auditorium.*



# 'Put Me in, Coach' Tells of Miles' Life, Legacy

Amee Miles Merkle and Kristi Miles Higginbotham have recently published a book containing the writings of their late father, Tommy Joe Miles, together with a collection of submissions from family and friends detailing his life and legacy.

Miles, a teacher a coach at Nanih Waiya School, Winston County Journal sportswriter and active community member, died in 1989 at the young age of 39.

"Everyone who knew our father has a story to tell about him. Through the last 20 years, we have become aware of the profound impact he had on the lives of his students adn friends, many of whom he wrote about in his collection of poetry," said Amee Merkle.

"Many of his friends have asked us for copies of his poems and other writings through the years, and some have suggested that we put them all together in a book. At an event held in his honor on the 20th anniversary of his death at the Tommy Joe Miles Baseball Field in Nanih Waiya, Tammy Parkes presented the idea for this book to us. We decided to include his writings, the things written about him after his death and also many funny and heart-warming stories about his life from his friends and family."

Book signings were held in during the latter part of 2009 and books are now available at Beverly's Baskets in Louisville and online at www.tjmscholarship.org.

All proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Tommy Joe Miles Memorial Scholarship Fund, which has presented more than 20 scholarships to graduatiing seniors.

## Brown Competes In NJCAA Division II Golf Nationals

*Luke Brown*

East Central Community College golfer Luke Brown of Carthage was among the top finishers in the 2010 NJCAA Division II Golf Tournament held May 18-22 at the Palm Valley Golf Course in Goodyear, Arizona.

Brown, who just completed his freshman year as a member of the Warrior golf team, posted rounds of 73, 77, 76 and 76 for a 302 total, 14-over par. He finished tied for 38th in the 130-man field.

He qualified for the nationals as an individual following his successful participation in the NJCAA Region 23 Golf Championship held on the Eagle Ridge Course at Hinds Community College in Raymond. Brown finished tied for fifth in the 36-hole event by carding rounds of 74 and 77 for a 151 total and was named to the All-Region 23 squad.

Brown is a graduate of Carthage High School, where he was named to All-State and All-District teams.

His parents are Paula and Jimmy Brown of Carthage.

## Bowen Establishes ECCC Scholarship

Dr. Frank Bowen (center) of Carthage is shown presenting a check to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president of East Central Community College in Decatur, to establish the Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship at the College. At left is Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC executive director for foundation and alumni relations. Dr. and Mrs. Bowen established the scholarship "because East Central is where we got our start" as a young couple and "we believe a deserving person needs to be provided a good education." The Bowens met at East Central as freshmen and were members of the Class of 1941. They married in 1943. Dr. Bowen, a Memphis native, was reared in Oktibbeha County near the Winston County line. Mrs. Bowen is a Leake County native. Dr. Bowen, a World War II veteran, also earned B.A. and B.S. degrees from the University of Mississippi, studied at the University Medical Center in Jackson, and later received his M.D. from the University of Tennessee in 1951. Mrs. Bowen attended Mississippi Southern College, now the University of Southern Mississippi, and was a teacher. The Bowens had a son, Frank W. Bowen, Jr. Candidates for the Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship should be a graduate of a high school in Leake County, finish in the top 10 percent of their high school class and enroll as a full-time student at ECCC the fall semester following high school graduation. Selection will be made by the ECCC Scholarship Committee. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111, ext. 205.

# Harvey Receives Purple Heart

After attending East Central Junior College, Forest native Wayne Harvey made a decision that would alter the rest of his life. In 1977, he decided to join the United States Marine Corps. Following his service in the Marine Corps and the Air Force, Harvey joined the Army in May 1988, deploying to Iraq in 2007, nearly 20 years later.

After 29 years of dedicated military service, he has received the military's oldest honor, the Purple Heart, for injuries he sustained in Iraq.

In a Purple Heart Ceremony on Feb. 27, 2009 at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center Auditorium at Fort Gordon, Ga., Harvey was given the prestigious award. He received the award for injuries sustained in an August 2007 attack.

"While performing a Route Clearance Mission in Iraq in August of 2007, our team came under attack from insurgents. The vehicle in which I was traveling was hit by an IED [improvised explosive device]," Harvey said. "During the incident, the insurgents used mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire that had to be neutralized before evacuation of wounded and recovery of vehicles could begin. I convoyed back to our Forward Operating Base and was treated for head and neck injuries and diagnosed with traumatic brain injury."

On that day, August 21, Harvey was in an up-armored Buffalo vehicle performing a deliberate clearance mission. The convoy was engaged by the enemy with IEDs, indirect mortar and small arms fire. The lead Husky vehicle pushed forward, contacting an IED, leading Harvey's vehicle to provide rescue support when they were struck with an IED that blew out the tires and windows and shook everyone in the vehicle.

Harvey was returned to Taji, where he was treated for concussions from the terror attack prior to being air evacuated out of the area.

Despite his 2007 concussion, Harvey went to Afghanistan on a mission in October 2008 and is currently being treated for with follow-up care from the injuries sustained during his Iraq deployment, as well as those he suffered in Afghanistan.

Purple Hearts, which were established by Gen. George Washington during the American Revolution to award service to the United States military, remain the oldest and one of the most cherished military decorations in the U.S. Army. It is awarded to military personnel wounded or killed in action against a United States enemy.

Harvey received his Purple Heart before an audience that included Georgia lawmakers Rep. John Barrow and Rep. Paul Broun.

"Not enough can be said, not enough accolades can be given. Thank you for your sacrifices in keeping us a free nation," Broun said to the audience.

During his tours of duty, Harvey was sent on three separate special missions to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan to gather real-time information to be used for training soldiers at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg. He went directly to the front lines and saw hands-on what the soldiers needed to prepare for during the war.

Harvey performed route clearance missions, where his unit searched for the IED's in order to disarm them.

Due to his injuries, Harvey has memory issues, bad head and

*Brig. Gen. Donald Bradshaw, Southeast Regional Medical Command and Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center commander pins the Purple Heart Medal on the uniform of Master Sgt. Royce Harvey during a ceremony Feb. 27, 2009.*

neck aches, along with other aches and pains with his knees and joints. Also he has recurring night mares that cause him great distress.

Harvey grew up fishing, hunting and camping, playing football at Forest High School and spending time with friends and family.

Following his high school career, he received a scholarship to play football for ECJC. During this time, he was coached by Ken Pouncey. Harvey said he really enjoyed playing football for the Warriors and the time he spent at ECJC. He attended ECJC/ECCC from 1974-1975, where he said he made a lot of friends. Harvey was a member of the ROTC.

Harvey was also recently recognized as a finalist as an Outstanding Citizen in Scott County by The Scott County Times, his hometown newspaper.

During his 30 years of service, he was a member of G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery's advisory panel on college relations.

Harvey received a medical discharge in 2009 and is completely retired as a Master Sergeant (MSG) as of December 21, 2009, after 30 years of service, although he said he would have stayed in if possible.

Harvey has been married to Cathy Harvey for 29 years. They have seven children – Sarah, Rachel, Mary, Leah, John, Elijah and Justus – and he is the son of Myra Harvey of the Norris Community and Roy Harvey of Flora. He said his family, which also includes sisters, Janet Stiltner and Lynda Harvey, and brother, Michael, have been very supportive of his military service.

"My family has been very supportive throughout my career," Harvey said. "I would like to express a special thank you to my family for the sacrifices they have freely given."

Despite his sustained treatment for traumatic brain injury, Harvey looks back without regret at the time he spent serving

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## *Wood Makes Donation to ECCC Golf Team*

James T. "Jim" Wood of Louisville is shown (at right) with a small portion of the 25 dozen golf balls he recently donated to the East Central Community College Warrior Golf Team. He was on the Decatur campus recently to make the donation, which he has done annually since 1995. In the 15 years, he has donated a total of 4,500 golf balls.

Wood is a graduate of East Central, where he played on the 1946 and 1947 football squads. He was also a member of the track team and served as an athletic trainer in 1948. In 1995, he was inducted as a member of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Wood's son, James T. Wood, Jr., was a member of the ECCC golf team in 1981 and 1982. He was is a member of the ECCC Hall of Fame and a John C. Stennis Scholars political science scholarship and an ROTC scholarship to continue his education at Mississippi State University.

Both father and son served their country in the military and each retired as Lt. Colonels.

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the United States Military.

"I always wanted to be a Marine, so I joined the United States Marine Corps in 1977," Harvey said. "I completed boot camp at MCRD San Diego in August of that year. I had my 21st birthday while I was in boot camp and I didn't tell anyone about it. I wouldn't trade my four years in the Marines for anything. It was a brotherhood, real close camaraderie.

"I did not choose to be injured, but we are at war, and it is part of the job in serving the people of the United States. I thank God he spared my life and allowed me to come home to my family."

Perhaps the hardest hit by the injuries are the family members, although Harvey's family said they remained strong and proud of his service.

"My husband is truly an honorable man and very devoted to his country," said Harvey's wife.

In between active duty stints, Harvey has worked several non-military positions including serving as a system engineer for Motorola, a test technician for Hughes Aircraft and a field service technician working with medical equipment for Picker International. After seven continuous years of active duty, Harvey is now employed with Phillips Medical Systems as a field service engineer working with nuclear cameras and CT systems in hospitals and clinics, although, he is on administrative leave until his medical condition improves.

"He has been mobilized since January 2003 and has made many sacrifices over the last six years. We miss him terribly and I look forward to when he will return," Cathy said. "I respect his desire to defend the United States of America, and the cause of freedom for all people."

*The Scott County Times staff contributed to this article.*

## *ECCC Alum Performs During Dixie National*

East Central Community College alumnus and Universal South Records recording artist Randy (Shawn) Houser of Lake performs during the 2010 Dixie National Rodeo and Livestock show in Jackson on February 15. Among the songs he performed were the title track from his debut album "Anything Goes" and his first Top 10 hit, "Boots On." Additional selections included the title track from his second album, "They Call Me Cadillac," and that album's lead-off single, "Whistlin' Dixie." Houser received two nominations for the 2009 CMA Awards, including New Artist of the Year and Music Video of the Year for "Boots On". He also co-wrote the singles "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk" for Trace Adkins and "Back That Thing Up" for Justin Moore. For additional information and tour dates visit his web site at www.randyhouser.com. Houser is a member of the ECCC Class of 1997 and was a vocalist for the Collegian's rock-n-roll band and the Ac'cents show choir.

# Chancellor Represents ECCC in MACJC Sports Hall of Fame

When veteran women's basketball coach Van Chancellor was inducted into the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, he made the following remarks about his successful career: "I believe this about coaching: make sure the bus is loaded with good players on it and you can be a good coach." He added: "I'm really lucky to reap the benefits of a lot of hard work by so many people."

Chancellor has obviously attracted numerous busloads of talent throughout his 30-plus years of coaching on the hardwood, as evidenced by the 500-plus victories and championships achieved on the high school, college, professional and international levels.

In recognition of his success, Chancellor and representatives of the state's other two-year colleges were inducted into the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony held Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at the Jackson Hilton.

A Louisville native, Chancellor has been described as a coach who does more than just "coach" talented players to win titles, as explained by one of his former WNBA Houston Comet players following yet another league championship: "Coach Chancellor teaches team....and he also teaches love."

He is currently in his third year leading the Louisiana State University Lady Tigers, who advanced to the second round of the 2010 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament en route to a 21-10 record.

Chancellor began his tenure at LSU in 2007-08 and quickly found success as the Lady Tigers were SEC regular season champions and advanced to the NCAA Final Four before finishing at 31-6. For his efforts, Chancellor was named Southeastern Coach of the Year by both the coaches and media and was one of four finalists for the Naismith National Coach of the Year award.

His 2008-09 squad finished 19-11 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Prior to his return to the college ranks, Chancellor led the Houston Comets of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) from 1997-2007. During his tenure, the Comets won the league's first four titles and were the only team to make the playoffs in each of the first seven seasons of the league.

In recognition of his success, Chancellor was named WNBA Coach of the Year for 1997, 1998 and 1999. The 1998 Comets still hold the record for the highest winning percentage in the history of NBA and WNBA basketball with a 27-3 mark (.900). Chancellor was also named Coach of the WNBA's All-Decade Team in June 2006. His overall record was 211-111 for the 10 seasons, which makes him the winningest coach in WNBA history.

Chancellor is probably most associated with his success at the University of Mississippi, where he led the Lady Rebels from 1978-97, amassing a 439-154 record during his 19-year tenure. His teams advanced to 14 NCAA Tournaments, including four Elite Eights and three Sweet 16s. His 1991-92 squad won the SEC regular season championship with a perfect 11-0 mark and advanced to the Elite Eight prior to finishing with a 29-3 record. On three occasions, Chancellor was named SEC Coach of the

*Van Chancellor's long list of coaching honors now includes his recent induction into the Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame. Chancellor (center), a Louisville native and 1963 graduate of East Central Community College in Decatur, is shown receiving the JUCO award from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. At right is Chancellor's wife, Betty.*

Year at Ole Miss.

Chancellor also found success on the international level, posting an overall 38-0 record as head coach of the United States National Team in 2004 and 2002. He led the 2004 squad to an Olympic gold medal.

He began his coaching career while a senior at Mississippi State University, serving as head coach of the boys' basketball team at Noxapater High School.

He served two years at Noxapater before taking over as head coach of the boys' and girls' basketball teams at Horn Lake High School, where he compiled an impressive 307-103 overall record. His boys' teams went 164-51 and the girls' record was 173-52.

Chancellor continued his success at Harrison Central High School, where his teams amassed a five-year record of 277 wins and 62 losses. His led the boys' teams to a 121-38 record and the girls posted a 156-24 mark and captured consecutive State 4-A and State Overall basketball championships in 1976 and 1977.

He left Harrison Central in 1978 to take over the Ole Miss Lady Rebel program.

Chancellor was a former basketball standout at Louisville High School, where he averaged 24 points per game his senior season. He continued his athletic career at then East Central Junior College in Decatur, where he played two years (1961-62, 1962-63) for Coach Denver Brackeen, who was posthumously inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

Additional honors Chancellor has received include the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, 2007; American As-

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# Calvert Honored by Red Hills Art Association

East Central Community College alumna Jean Linch Calvert of Louisville was recently honored by the Red Hills Art Association (RHAA), which presented "The Art and Poetry of Jean Linch Calvert" in the meeting room of the Winston County Library.

Calvert was born in Winston County and has been a lifelong resident of Louisville. She started drawing in elementary school and enjoyed designing paper dolls and their wardrobes for herself and her friends.

In 1950, she married Pruitt Calvert. While they operated a photography studio, she attended a color clinic in Memphis, Tennessee, and learned heavy oil portrait painting. She enjoyed painting portraits for many years.

She is a charter member of RHAA and has participated in many workshops sponsored by the organization. She has entered the RHAA Art Competition most years it has been held at has won several ribbons.

Calvert is also a published poet. She placed second in the State Poetry Contest sponsored by the Mississippi Federated Women's Clubs. She has shared her Abundant Spring poetry booklet with hundreds as she and Pruitt have traveled his routine as "Aunt Blabby" for 35 years.

The Calverts have two children: a son, Pruitt "Speedy" Calvert and a daughter, Kay C. Jordon. They have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The following is a copy of Calvert's poem "Friends."

I'd rather have a friend
No matter young or old,
Than jewels rare and precious
This world's coffers may hold.

Young eyes looking into mine
With love through radiant blue,
Are greater than a sapphire
Of perfect form or hue.

Mature brown velvet eyes
Trusting my outstretched hand
Hold more thrill than a
Garnet set in a golden band.

A Diamond's multiple facets
May iridescence show
But warmer is true friendship
Setting my heart aglow.

*Jean Calvert, who was recently honored by the Red Hills Art Association is shown working on one of her pieces.*

*The Winston County Journal contributed to this article.*

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sociation of Community and Junior Colleges Outstanding Alumni Award, 2005; USA Basketball Coach of the Year, 2002; Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, 2001; Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, 1998; and National Women's Basketball Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball News Service, 1992.

Chancellor is married to the former Betty Cannon. They have a son, John, and a daughter, Renee, and four grandchildren, Nicholas, Jacob, Joseph and Zachary.

# Moore Publishes Autobiography

Alumnus James K. Moore (Class of 1948) recently published his autobiography "Made in the USA."

Moore's story springs from his roots in Edinburg, where he was born on the eve of the Stock Market Crash in 1929 to his days in Houston, where he graduated from University of Houston and worked for Shell Chemical Division before starting his own company to build test stands for the NASA launches. It takes the reader through his travels in the seals industry stateside and abroad.

Moore said he is "eager to share my globetrotting advertures in the mechanical seals industry.

"I have been to all 50 states and 31 foreign countries as a sales executive in the mechanical seals industry adn that is a long way to go for a boy from Edinburg, Mississippi," he said.

Moore has travelled around the globe and now resides in Dallas, Texas.

For more information, e-mail Moore at jkmoore@astseals.com.

# McCool, Gressett Selected Instructors of the Year

Marc McCool of Louisville, social science instructor, and Danny Gressett of Decatur, machine shop technology instructor, were recently selected East Central Community College's Academic and Career-Technical Instructors of the Year, respectively.

Both instructors were honored during the end-of-the-year faculty dinner scheduled May14 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

*Marc McCool*

Having a positive influence on the lives of his students is what Academic Instructor of the Year Marc McCoolstrives to do each day.

"I enjoy the opportunity to meet new students and make lifelong friends,"

McCool said about his career choice of education. "With every student and every class there is a new beginning with unlimited possibilities."

McCool began pursuing his career in education with intentions of coaching.

"My first love was sports," he said. "I switched my major to history and fell in love with the opportunity to help young people reach their full potential."

Because of his desire for the betterment of students and work ethic, McCool was chosen as EC's 2009-10 Academic Instructor of the Year.

"It is an honor," McCool said of his award. "The entire ECCC faculty is outstanding and each instructor is deserving of this award. For me to have been chosen is a very humbling experience."

However, this isn't the first honor the American History professor has received. McCool was selected Star Teacher at Louisville High School, where he taught American Government and Economics from 1979 until 1998, Who's Who Among American High School Teachers, Who's Who Among Community College Instructors, Who's Who in America, ECCC HEADWAE Instructor, ECCC Lamplighter, Natchez Literary Festival participant and serves as an ECCC Legislative Liaison. McCool has been an instructor at ECCC since 1978.

He credits great influences in his life for his career success.

"My mother and dad, Dee and Maxine McCool, taught me at an early age the importance of hard work and doing a job right," McCool said. "Mrs. Jean Hendrix, English instructor at Louisville High School, and Mr. Harold Hudson, assistant principal of LHS, helped influence me early in my career by teaching me "the little things" that you don't learn in college. My wife, Carrie McCool, inspired me to complete my master's degree and has provided invaluable emotional support throughout my teaching career."

McCool, a 1977 graduate of ECCC, was active in intramural sports and musicals during his time as a student.

McCool said he made lifelong friends as a student at the College and some of his fondest memories of his time in school here were "the caring instructors, such as Ms. Lucille Wood, Mr. Thomas Thrash, Mr. Ovid Vickers and Mrs. Martha Graham, etc."

McCool received his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Mississippi. He earned his master's degree and completed additional graduate work at Mississippi State University.

McCool and his wife, Carrie, have a son and a daughter: Tyler, 21 and Lindsey, 15, respectively.

He is a member of Noxapater Baptist Church, where he serves as a substitute Sunday school teacher. He is also a member of the ECCC and Ole Miss alumni associations, and the Winston Academy Booster Club.

*Danny Gressett*

When Danny Gressett returned to school as a student at ECCC in 2000, little did he know that he would soon be instructing his peers.

"It's a long story but I feel it was the Lord's will that I came into education," Gressett said. "After the plant in Meridian that I had worked at for 27 years closed, I came back to EC to get an AAS degree; they did not offer that back in the early 70s (when Gressett first graduated from ECJC.)

"The first semester I was back Mr. Richard Clark, the Machine Tool Technology instructor, had to have heart bypass surgery. He asked me if I would fill in for him for the last nine-week term. I agreed and, with the help of a lot of instructors here who let me rearrange my schedule so I could continue going to school and teach the Machine Tool classes, I was able to do this. The following year Mr. Clark retired and I applied for the job and the rest is history."

Gressett was chosen as EC's Career-Technical Instructor of the Year for 2009-10.

"I certainly consider it an honor and a privilege," Gressett said. "I work with a great group of folks. I am proud to be associated with all the professional and caring people here at East Central."

Gressett was also chosen this year to represent ECCC at the annual Lamplighter Conference. The annual conference recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. Crediting the people who influenced his life for his career success, Gressett said he considers the learning experiences he has had as invaluable in his life.

"Career wise, Mr. Richard Clark made a great impact not only in my life, but many more (students) who came through the program over the years, Gressett.

"When I worked at Meridian Machine Works, the manager we had, Mr. John Matthews, had a tremendous influence in my life. He was very strict and I thought for many years too hard on us. As time went on I came to see the care and dedication he had for the people that worked for him and the company that we all worked for. He taught me many of the values that I try to instill in my students that will make them successful employees and citizens."

Gressett began instructing Machine Tool Technology in 2002. Prior to working at ECCC, he worked for Meridian Machine Works for 27 years and served many years as a craft committee member for EC's Machine Tool

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## *Provides Support for ECCC Golfer in NJCAA Tourney*

Alan Rhea (center) of Carthage presents a $500 check to East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left) to help send Warrior golfer Luke Brown of Carthage to the NJCAA Division II Golf Tournament in Goodyear, Arizona. The donation was the result of fundraising efforts by the Men's Golf Association at Carthage Country Club. Aubrey Cox serves as club president and also provided financial support. At right is Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, whose office also coordinates contributions for the Warrior Club, a support group for ECCC athletics. Brown tied for 38th among the 130 golfers in the prestigious event held May 18-22 on the Palm Valley Golf Course. He posted rounds of 73, 77, 76 and 76 for a 302 total, 14-over par. Brown, who just completed his freshman year at East Central, qualified for Nationals after being named to the NJCAA All-Region 23 Golf Team. He is a graduate of Carthage High School, where he received All-State and All-District honors. James Moore, golf professional at Forest Country Club, serves as ECCC golf coach.

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Technology Program.

Gressett said he enjoys having the opportunity to make a difference in his students' lives.

"I have been very proud of my students in SkillsUSA competition. We have been able to go National Competition in Kansas City, Mo. three times since I have been here," Gressett said. "We have placed second and third many times at state competition. This has been a great experience for my students and for me as well."

Gressett began instructing Machine Tool Technology in 2002. Prior to working at ECCC, he worked for Meridian Machine Works for 27 years and served many years as a craft committee member for EC's Machine Tool Technology Program.

A two-time graduate of ECCC, the first time in 1972 and again in 2002, Gressett said he has many fond memories of his time as a student. "I played basketball under Coach Joe Clark and that was a rewarding experience that I will always remember," he said.

Gressett and his wife, Kathy, have two children, Allison, 25 and Corey, 22.

He is a deacon, an adult training union teacher and secretary treasurer for men's ministry at Beulah Baptist Church.

# Smith Named to ACHA Hall of Fame

The American Coon Hunters Association (ACHA) recently inducted Harry Clinton Smith, Class of 1954-56 and 59, into the first Hall of Fame for the association.

Smith has served on the Board of Directors for the association for many years, prior to the induction. He has been coon hunting for more than 50 years. Around age 25, he bought his first "tree dog" and has been an avid coon hunter since then.

"I give credit for my success to my wife for always being supportive of my hunting and all that it takes to be competitive," Smith said. "I am also thankful to have children who have always backed me."

Smith has placed three times in the Top 20 World Coon Hunt. He placed second in the contest in the Junior Super Stake's Hunt in 2002. He also has many dual Grand Champion dogs that he raised and trained during the years. His dogs have been recognized with various additional honors throughout the years as well.

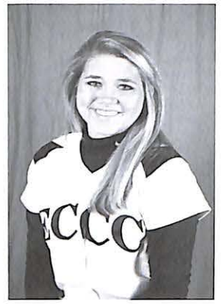
Smith has also been recognized throughout his years of hunting for his sportsmanship. In 1988, he received the Lavern Miller Memorial Sportsmanship Award. He also was honored with the Floyd Butler Sportsmanship Award in 1989. Smith has also been selected many times to judge world championship hunts.

He currently owns a Grand Champion Leopard Hound and is training two of the champion's pups.

Smith and his wife, Martha, live in Philadelphia. Their children include: his oldest son, Lady Warrior Basketball Coach Bill Smith of Decatur, daughter, Sonya Vance, of Union and son, Kevin Smith, also of Philadelphia.

# *Lady Diamond Warriors Finish Fourth In NJCAA Tourney*

"We just ran out of gas," commented East Central Community College coach Scott Hill moments after his fast-pitch softball team dropped a 10-2 decision to No. 2 seed Iowa Lakes early Saturday afternoon in an elimination game of the 2010 NJCAA Division II Softball Championship. The loss represented the Lady Warriors' fourth contest within a 20-hour period and concluded participation in the three-day (May 20-22) tournament held in Normal, Illinois.



*Kasie Buckley*

*Taylor Bailey*

Hill, who has led the College's softball program for seven years, had nothing but praise for his history-making Lady Warriors who finished fourth in the prestigious tournament and completed season action with a 47-11 record.

"I am really proud of this team, although it was a little heart-breaking to suffer that loss and get put out of the tournament," Hill commented as he and team members were en route Sunday to the Decatur campus. "But after having a little time to reflect, I think it is quite an accomplishment to finish as high (fourth) as we did. The two losses we suffered were to the #1 and #2 seeds in tournament, so we know we got beat by two very good teams."

Hill's squad is also full of talent and two players received honors in recognition of their success during the team's three victories and two losses.

Freshman shortstop Kasie Buckley was named as the tournament's most valuable offensive player and freshman pitcher Taylor Bailey was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Buckley, a product of Newton County High School, batted .636 with three home runs, a double and three singles and had seven RBIs during the five games. Bailey pitched in every game until being relieved by Buckley for the final two innings against Iowa Lakes. She allowed just five runs in the first four games. Bailey also batted .455 with five singles in the five games. She is a product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas.

"It was certainly an honor for our program to have had two young ladies recognized for their play in the national tournament," Hill said.

Hill also recognized his sophomore players, who include infielders Sierra Farlow and Hailey Chisolm, both of Neshoba Central, and Brittany Cochran of Newton County; outfielders Hannah Lee of Leake Academy and Emily Breland of Neshoba Central; and catcher/infielder Paige Holsen of Union.

"We owe a lot to our six sophomores for their leadership all season long," said Hill. "They are all so very humble and we will miss them so much. Coach (Kristin) Chaney and everyone in this program are to be commended for all their hard work and dedication in seeing that this team accomplish so many goals that we set for ourselves."

Hill is also appreciative of the support shown for the Lady Diamond Warriors, who qualified for the NJCAA Tourney as Region 23 Tournament champions.

"We have the best fans in the whole world. I want to thank those that made the trip and also those who were unable to make it but kept up with us throughout the tournament," Hill said. "I also want to thank those who supported our team with their prayers, generous contributions and even snacks for the trip. We are truly appreciative for all their support."

East Central, which entered the 16-team, double-elimination event as the No. 5 seed, had defeated No. 8 seed Mississippi Gulf Community College 4-2 Saturday morning and needed two more wins to reach the finals.

The Lady Diamond Warriors advanced to Saturday's competition after defeating No. 4 seed Johnson County (Kansas) 7-2 Friday afternoon in a game delayed almost 24 hours due to the weather. EC fell 3-1 to top-seeded Kanakee (Illinois) Friday night for its first loss after beginning the three-day competition Thursday with a 7-0 shutout of No.12 seed Mott (Michigan).

**ECCC 7, MOTT 0**

The Lady Diamond Warriors began tournament competition by posting a 7-0 win Thursday (May 20) over Mott Community College of Flint, Michigan.

The Lady Diamond Warriors, who improved to 45-9 under seventh-year head coach Scott Hill, collected 15 hits in the easy victory and hurler Taylor Bailey improved to 25-7 in recording the shut-out.

Leading the EC offense were Summer Alexander, a product of Newton County High School, and Hannah Lee, who each belted a double and single.

Contributing two singles apiece were Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central, Morgan Malone of Madison Central and Taylor Bailey. Buckley was credited with a double, and Brittney Cochran and Paige Holsen had singles each. Nicholas, Alexander, Chisolm, Cochran and Holsen also had an RBI each.

Bailey got the win and improved to 25-7. She allowed just five hits and fanned six batters in the seven-inning matchup.

**ECCC 7, JOHNSON COUNTY 2**

Hannah Lee blasted a grand slam home run and Kasie Buckley added a three-run shot to lead EC in a 7-2 win over Johnson County (Kansas) early Friday night. Brittany Cochran also had a productive outing at the plate with three singles. Hailey Chislom contributed a double and single and Taylor Bailey was credited with two singles. Singles each were recorded by Summer Alexander, Paige Holsen and Morgan Malone of Madison Central.

Bailey was the winning pitcher, improving to 26-7. She fanned eight batters and allowed 10 hits in the seven-inning battle.

**KANAKEE 3, ECCC 1**

The Lady Diamond Warriors suffered their first tournament loss in a 3-1 decision to top-seed Kanakee

See SOFTBALL, page 33

## Diamond Warriors Complete Successful Season

Another successful campaign was completed by East Central Community College's baseball team, shown above after capturing runner-up honors in the MACJC State Baseball Tournament held at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson. The Diamond Warriors advanced to Region 23 competition before finishing with a 39-20 record under head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick. Members of the 2010 squad include Bobby Brown of Crossett, Ark.; Charles Hill, Richie Long, Quin Stokes, Pervis Mann and Tyler Neal, all of Carthage; Barry Meeks, Sweet Water, Ala.; Tyler Dalton and Ernie Triplett, both of Louisville; Blake Lawson, Biloxi; Jeremy May and Drew Wilson, both of Little Rock; Vincent Kortbawi, Moundville, Ala.; Kevin Harris, Newton; Donnie Tabb, Austin Buchanan and Joel McKee, all of Philadelphia; Cal Cossich, Ocean Springs; Ricardo Velez, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico; Colton Mitchell, Lake; Andre Yates, Grenada; Allen Johnson, Lena; and Willard Bacon, Choctaw. Callop Hampton of Magee served as a student assistant. Serving as managers were Bryce Branning of Meridian, Scott Ming of Louisville and Brad Horn of Carthage.

## SOFTBALL (Continued from page 32)

Community College late Friday night.

EC managed just two hits in the setback – a double by Lauren Nicholas and a single by Brittany Cochran. Cochran scored on Hannah Lee's sacrifice fly to center field.

Bailey (26-8) took the loss, allowing only one earned run on five hits.

**ECCC 4, GULF COAST 2**

Kasie Buckley's two-run run homer in the top of the seventh inning gave the Lady Diamond Warriors a 4-1 lead and EC held on to defeat Gulf Coast 4-2 Saturday morning.

Buckley also had two singles and was credited with two RBIs.

Hannah Lee contributed a double and single, and Lauren Nicholas, Brittany Cochran collected two singles each. Bailey added a single.

Bailey was the winning pitcher, improving to 27-8. She allowed two runs on eight hits. She also fanned four batters and walked a batter.

**IOWA LAKES 10, ECCC 2**

The Lady Diamond Warriors were eliminated from tournament competition following a 10-2 loss to No. 2 Iowa Lakes Saturday afternoon.

EC grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning, when Kasie Buckley's single to right field scored Hailey Chisolm who had earlier doubled.

Buckley homered in the fourth and stretched EC's lead to 2-0; however, Iowa Lakes tied the contest in the bottom of the frame. After the Lady Warriors were unable to score in the fifth, Iowa Lakes grabbed the victory by scoring eight runs in the bottom of the inning and the was called due to the eight-run rule.

Bailey (27-9) took the loss. She allowed six earned runs on six hits. She also fanned six batters and walked one. Buckley hurled the final 2.3 inning, allowing two hits. She also walked a batter.

# *Homecoming 2010*
## *Schedule of Events*
*(Tentative)*
## Saturday, October 2

7 a.m.
Registration for Homecoming 5K Run/Walk
*North Campus Pavilion*
Run/Walk Starts 7:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Bookstore Open, *Eddie M. Smith Student Union*

9 a.m.
Homecoming Registration Begins
*East Mall Patio near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria*
Refreshments Available on the Mall

9 to 11 a.m.
Memorabilia Room Open, *Burton Library*

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tailgating, Music, & Other Family Activities
*Near the Football Stadium*

10 a.m.
Reunion Groups Meet
Class of 1940, Class of 1950, Class of 1960
Class of 1970, Classes of 1979, 1980, & 1981
Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959 and
Warrior Corps

10:30 a.m.
Awarding of 50th Anniversary Diplomas to Class of 1960
*Auditorium, Vickers Fine Arts Center*

11 a.m.
Warrior Club Annual Meeting for all former athletes and current supporters of athletics at ECCC
*Board Room, Vincent Administration Building*

2010 Alumnus/Alumna of the Year and
2010 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Meeting
*Gordon Room, Mabry Memorial Cafeteria*

Noon Alumni Luncheon, *Mabry Memorial Cafeteria*

2 p.m. Recognition of Homecoming Honorees Before the Game
Football Game – ECCC vs. Hinds
Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court
Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band

# Tailgating, Family Fun Zone To Be Included in 2010 Homecoming Activities

In order to include more family-friendly activities during East Central Community College's Homecoming day schedule, the College will once again host a Tailgating Area and Fun Zone.

Event organizer Sherri Cliburn said, "To keep younger Warriors entertained, we'll have a big bouncy house with a slide, football throw, soccer goals, family-friendly music, face painting, tattoos, balloons, fresh air and sunshine!"

All activities will take place near the football field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are available at no charge.

"I encourage everyone to bring their families, along with whatever yummy tailgatin' fare they want to eat, and come on out!" Cliburn said.

*Photos from 2009:*

## EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
## 2010 NOMINATION FOR
## ALUMNUS/ALUMNA OF THE YEAR *

Name:_____ Maiden_____

Years Attended, Graduated EC:_____

Address:_____

Phone (w)_____(h)_____

High School Graduated From:_____ County_____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From_____ Years_____

Work Experience:
Place Position Dates
_____
_____
_____

Contributions to College/and to Community:_____
_____

Professional Affiliations and Honors:_____
_____
_____

Family:_____

Spouse:_____ Maiden Name_____

Did spouse attend EC ___ Yes ___ No, If yes, Years Attended/Graduated_____

Children & Ages:_____

Attach additional information, if needed.

Return to: Alumni Association
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327-0129
Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 327

**Deadline: July 01, 2010**

Name (of Alumnus/Alumna submitting nomination)
_____Maiden_____
Address_____
_____
Phone (h)_____ (w)_____
Years attended/graduated EC_____

*Applications are good for two consecutive years. Additional info about nominees is encouraged. Attach info to this form. Selection is based primarily on print materials received.

## EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
## 2010 NOMINATION FOR
## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME *

Name:_____ Maiden_____

Years Attended, Graduated EC:_____

Address:_____

Phone (w)_____(h)_____

High School Graduated From:_____ County_____

Sports Lettered In and Honors Received in Community College:_____

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College Attended After ECCC:_____

Sports Lettered I and Honors Received at Senior College/University Leve:_____

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Work Experience:

| Place | Position | Dates |
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Honors Received:_____

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# ECCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

*Fiscal Year 2010 (July 2009 – March 2010)*

## LEAKE COUNTY

**ANNUAL DUES**

Gilbert Barham '74
Elizabeth S. Barnes '70
Sondra C. Gould '91
Ricky '03 and Sylvia Graves '03
David '69 and Brenda Howell '68
James B. Johnson '92 & '95
Zela McBeth '82
Stan '75 and Donnie McGivney '75
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peoples '76
Douglas E. Peoples '52
Tommye H. Rosenbaum '60
Cline Watkins '63
Estelle B. Wilcox '40
Ricky' 77 and Janet Wilkerson '77

**UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Ray Britt '66
Ide B. Dickens, Jr. '40

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**ANNUAL DUES**

Bobby Butler '81
Harry J. '57 and Ruth R. Carter '51
Mark Cheatham '86
Lynn '69 and Kay Copeland '69
Terri Donald '82
Gaynell M. Gentry '68
Josh '00 and Holly Hardy '00
Kim Hardy
Betty B. Harrison '50
Thomas J. Madison '00
Jack '70 and Janis B. McMichael '72
C. V. Mitchell '41
Dayna Morgan '84
Steve Nelson '68
Bernita Reynolds '99
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers '58
Reggie '89 and Tammy Shumaker '89
Ramond G. Stokes '56
Barbara N. Thaggard '51
Henry '50 and Patricia Trest '66
David J. Watkins '00
Sid C. Williams '76
Edward '66 and Gloria Williamson
Tommy L. Woodward '71

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Thedra L. Ezelle '46
Jason L. Hailey '98
Steven M. Thomas '05

**UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Shelton "Buck" Bounds '49
Billy C. Sharp '56

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**ANNUAL DUES**

Cindy Alexander '79
Fred H. Allgood '57
Alfred H. Bailey '59
Rusty '67 and Bettye Barnett '72
Ann Burkes '63
Homer '72 and Nancy Burton '71
Jean M. Burton '61
Leola W. Burton '43
Brenda Chaney '75
Josh Chaney '02
Kristin Chaney '05
Verneria Faye Chapman '99
Fannie M. Clark '56
Pat '68 and Martha Cleveland '69
Britt '99 & '05 and Karen Cooper '04
Brenda Crosby '69
Bob Douglas '67
Drew Gillis '08
Norman Gillis
Sharon Griffin '05
Barbara J. Harrison '76
Rita G. Jackson '75
Kenneth '61 and Rosemary Jones
Terry L. Jones '95
Nancy D. Kidd '76
Joseph O. Knight '89
Henry G. Langley, Jr. '50
Carl '68 and Laura Mason '68
Richard E. '55 and Betty A. Mayo '55
Maggie McDill '07
Randy Rushing '83
Christopher S. Russell '09
Bill '52 and Barbara Sue Simkins '56
Dr. and Mrs. Eddie M. Smith '63
Susan Fox-Smith '88
William H. Smith '58
Betty B. Thames '51
Reginald '45 and Mamie A. Thames '47
Kate F. Thomas '55
Hal '01 and Emily B. Thompson '01
Hancel H. Thorne '43
Kinoth '48 and Ella Mae Thornton '51
J. W. Thrash '51
Lucy H. Vance '56
Roy T. Walters, Sr. '88

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Dr. J. G. Alexander
James A. Bennett, DDS PA
Matt Davis '02
Pat J. Davis '74
William A. '49 and Irene B. Lewis '49
Jessie L. Whittle '58

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Kelly Cluff '01
Artie Foreman '90
Chad '92 and Dr. Nicole F. Harrison '92
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Lori Luke '81

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## *Renew Your Alumni Association Membership*

It's time once again to renew your commitment to the East Central Community College Alumni Association. Thanks to past support by loyal alumni and friends, the Association was able to fund three full-tuition scholarships for deserving EC students.

Your annual Alumni Association contributions help to continue the growth of the Association and to benefit the next generation of alumni. Membership dues run on a fiscal year basis (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). Annual dues are $10 single and $15 joint, or you may pay your lifetime membership dues, $100 single lifetime or $150 joint lifetime. If you are already a lifetime member, please consider making a general donation to the Alumni Association.

Checks should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association and mailed to P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

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Bob C. Murff
Harvey Trapp '57

## SCOTT COUNTY

**ANNUAL DUES**

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John A. '88 and Denita Thomas '96

**UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS**

William E. Donald '53

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William Larry Adams '57
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Paul H. Craft '62
Johnson Crocker '48
Barry '98 and Samantha Denson '05
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Suzanne B. Eady '76
Eugene F. '49 and Ann Earp '48
Jean Easom '60
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Dr. Clyde Muse '49
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Ron Noblin '71
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Mary E. Pike '49
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Carolyn K. Pope '56
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Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97

**ECCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES FY 2010**
(July 2009 – March 2010)

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|---|---|
| Leake County | $ 340.00 |
| Neshoba County | 660.00 |
| Newton County | 1,848.00 |
| Scott County | 960.00 |
| Winston County | 265.00 |
| Out-of-District | 2,555.00 |
| TOTAL | $6,628.00 |



# Please Help Find These Alumni!

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Latahua Carter Sledge '03
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Misti S. Norris '02, West Monroe
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- Stella Dickerson Technical Honor Scholarship
  The purpose of the scholarship is to honor Mrs. Stella Dickerson, a computer technology instructor at East Central. According to one of her students who initiated the scholarship drive, "this scholarship is named in Mrs. Dickerson's honor for the countless hours she spends instructing students."
- John Grace Scholarship
  The purpose of the scholarship is to honor John Grace, an outstanding coach and mentor and to provide a scholarship each year for a student at East Central.

To make a contribution mail to:
East Central Community College Foundation
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327
*(Please be sure to designate your contribution to a specific scholarship fund.)*

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*As of March 31, 2010*

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# New Lifetime Member Gift Program

Thank you for being a member of the ECCC Alumni Association. Your financial support has helped the Association continue to connect alumni to the college and to each other while engaging them in activities that support and advance the mission of the college.

To encourage continued support from our lifetime members and to encourage others to become lifetime members, the Alumni Association has developed the Lifetime Member Gift Program. Contributions received through the Gift Program will be used to establish an Alumni Association Lifetime Membership Endowed Scholarship Fund. Donors to the Lifetime Member Gift Program will be recognized annually in The Warrior magazine and on the college's website.

With your help the Association will be able to enhance and increase membership growth and increase revenue to the Alumni Association while providing financial support to current EC students.

If you have questions about the program, please contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 (within the state of Mississippi) or call 601-635-6327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu. We thank you in advance for your continued interest and support of East Central.



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## *Hosts Planned Giving Seminar*

A seminar on planned giving was held Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, on the East Central Community College campus in Decatur. Participants included (from left) G. Windell Saffles, Jr., a Life Production Consultant with New York Life Insurance; J. Stephen Stubblefield, Senior Law Partner with Stubblefield and Yelverton, PLLC; and Richard L. Hamner, a partner with New York Life Insurance, who are shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Stubblefield spoke on charitable giving techniques. Saffles made a presentation on the advantages of donating life insurance. The ECCC Foundation, Inc., sponsored the seminar. For more information on charitable giving, contact Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC executive director for foundation and alumni relations, 601-635-6327. Her email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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# Long Receives 2010 Bernhardt Award

Dr. Scott F. Long, a 1981 graduate of East Central Community College, won the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2010 during the annual Bernhardt banquet held recently at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Long, professor in the SWOSU College of Pharmacy and current chair of the SWOSU Faculty Senate, won the prestigious award at a banquet held in the Memorial Student Center on the SWOSU campus.

SWOSU alumni Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City are sponsors of the annual award that goes to an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service. Guest Speaker for the evening was SWOSU President Rand Beutler.

Dr. **Scott Long** is a native of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and came to SWOSU in 1998 when he accepted the appointment of assistant professor of pharmacology and toxicology in the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. He has been selected four times by the College of Pharmacy graduating class as winner of the "Teacher of the Year" Award.

During his career at SWOSU, Long has served the university, community and profession in various capacities. In addition to holding membership on numerous departmental, college, and university committees, Long serves as the faculty advisor for the local Delta Beta Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity. Within the community, he serves as a volunteer pharmacist for the Agape Clinic and also served on the Drug Testing Policy Committee for the Weatherford Public Schools. At the national level, he has served on various committees for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, including secretary of the Biological Sciences Section. He has also served on several national-level committees for Kappa Psi and served as the international executive director of the fraternity for eight years with its international headquarters based on the campus of SWOSU.

Dr. Long has published 24 scientific peer-reviewed papers, six book chapters, 23 book monographs, and has made 17 peer-reviewed presentations at national meetings and 12 presentations at regional meetings. He has served as a reviewer for seven journal articles or books in pharmacology or pharmacy and has made 19 professional pharmacy presentations over his research or academic specialties.

*Dr. Scott Long (second from left) won the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2010 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The award for exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service is made possible by Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt (right) of Midwest City. SWOSU President Randy Beutler is also pictured.*

He received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from the University of Mississippi in 1984 and practiced three years in the Public Health Service/Indian Health Service as a clinical/staff pharmacist at the Choctaw Health Center. He then returned to the University of Mississippi and read for the Doctor of Philosophy degree, majoring in pharmacology and toxicology. Long realized there his true calling as a teacher at the collegiate level.

Upon completing his Ph.D. in 1994, Long accepted an appointment at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He served there until coming to SWOSU.

# "Welcome Home" Marquee Restoration Project

In 1996, a campaign was launched to construct an archway with an electronic sign to welcome students, alumni, and visitors to the campus. That campaign successfully recreated the archway that greeted individuals from the 1950s to the late 1970s. East Central Community College now seeks to restore the "Welcome Home" marquee that adorns the front of its Decatur campus.

The archway/marquee has welcomed countless numbers of students and visitors to the campus. Unfortunately, the marquee affixed to the archway has become unusable in its present condition due to obsolete technology and components. A new electronic sign is being considered that will be more environmentally responsible and energy efficient. The new sign will consist of LED display boards with streaming lights, color, and motion including text, video, and graphics. With the implementation of the new technology, the marquee will be a state-of-the-art outdoor messaging center and will provide the college with an outlet to communicate with the campus and the community.

Due to constraints to the college's budget, private support is required for this project to be implemented. With your financial support, the "Welcome Home" marquee will be restored and function to promote the activities, events, and achievements of the college and its students, faculty, and alumni. The projected total cost of the sign restoration is $30,000.

Businesses and individuals making contributions of $1,000 or more will have their names engraved on a plaque on one of the two brick columns supporting the marquee. Contributions are tax-deductible when made payable to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc.

If you are interested in supporting this project, please contact the ECCC Foundation office toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the college.

# Alumni Office Requests Assistance in Finding Class Members for Homecoming 2010

The Alumni Office does not have a current mailing address for the following alumni who are members of ECCC classes which will be honored during Homecoming on October 2, 2010. If you have any information regarding their whereabouts, please e-mail the Alumni Office at sholling@eccc.edu or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327 (within Mississippi) or telephone 601-635-6327. Thank you for your help!

## Sophomore Class of 1940

Margaret Abney Ross (Montrose)
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Joe Fish (Decatur)
Graham Gemeny (Philadelphia)
Yvonne Gray Miles
Tommy Hill - (Toomsuba)
William F. Hollingsworth (Union)
Charlcie Kellam (Stonewall)
Sam Knowles (Stratton)
Kelly Lee (Louisville)
Leon McKee (Decatur)
Glenda Quinn Barnes – (Noxapater)
Dorothy Roberts (Carthage)
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Doyle Seal (Conehatta)
Clyde Smith (Lake)
Virgil Stokes
William Suttle (Louisville)
Herman Sykes (Carthage)
Lindy Thaggard (Union)
Jack Thames (Decatur)
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William Wallace
Allan Webb (Philadelphia)
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Francis Aline Willis (Decatur)
Annie Pearl Winstead Matthews (Union)
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Bobby Caldwell
William Alfred Calloway
Jimmy Chrestman
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Rodney Daffron
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Dennis Gray
Fred Hanna
Bob Hopkins
Peggy Idom
Ann Jones Harrell
Mary Leach
Raymond Mabry
Jim McPhail
Robert Milner
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Albert Parks
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Elizabeth Walker
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Rila Williams
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## Sophomore Class of 1970

Joe Addy (Newton)
Dwight Akins (Philadelphia)
Faye Anderson (Hickory)
Marilyn Anderson (Forest)
Kathy Lynn Barrett Hamil (Decatur)
Richard Lamar Bennett (McCool)
Barry Blackwell (Union)
Audrey Boggan (Rose Hill)
Charlotte Blass (Little Rock)
Thomas Z. Bradford (Forest)
Joan Breland (Union)
Marilyn Burrow (Philadelphia)
Eugenia Callahan (Philadelphia)
Laverne Collins (Noxapater)
Jimmy Cooper (Lawrence)
Sherry Cooper (Morton)
Cynthia Crowson Holder (Louisville)
Gwin Cumberland (Philadelphia)

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Jimmie Dale Daniels (Philadelphia)
Glenn Davis (Newton)
Lavon Driskell (Union)
Sandra Eakes (Philadelphia)
Lisa Edmondson (Forest)
Billy Edwards (Forest)
Michael Edwards (Carthage)
Carl Ferguson (Jackson)
Harold Fletcher (Lena)
Scottie Foreman (Pulaski)
Wanda Fowler (Carthage)
Michael Glaze (Forest)
David Gregoruis (Fairhope)
Charles Allen Gressett Jr. (Decatur)
Charles Guyse (Hickory)
Larry Hamil (Union)
Sylvia Hamilton (Morton)
Gary Harkins (Carthage)
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Ernest Wilkerson (Union)
Steven Willis (Lawrence)

## Sophomore Class of 1979

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Mark Bishop
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Eligah Triplett
Wayne Turner
James Ueltschey
Kay Walters
Tereas Watkins
Carey Watkins
Lou White
Sandra Whitefield
Elizabeth Williams
Pam Winstead
Randy Womack
Ann Yarbrough

## Sophomore Class of 1980

Randy Adair
Luther Anderson
Melanie Barrier
Sue Baskin
Patricia Bragg
Cindy Brewer
Frances Cash
Sherry Carter

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Tim Walker
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Randy Cleveland
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Jeannette Coleman (Newton)
Jeffery Coleman (Noxapater)
Teresa Collier (Carthage)
Karen Collins
Martha Cooksey
Marty Cooper (Union)
Steve Easom
Paul Eichelberger
Aletha Evans (Forest)
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**Chief**
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Decatur Lions Club
Chris Harris '76
Chad '92 and Dr. Nicole F. Harrison '92
Ronnie Westbrook '76

**Super Brave**
Lois B. Cooper '59
James J. '53 and Jo M. Harris '54
La-Z-Boy South (Newton)
Lori Luke '81
Fredrick Lyons '82 & '94
Dr. Phil A. Sutphin
June H. Tobelman '48
Mickey Vance '79
Kyle Watson '00
Roger Whitlock

**Brave**
Bobby and Pat Addy '58
Randy '90 and Shea Bishop '91
Charles '75 and Debbie Boggan '76
Tanya Boler
Laverne Chaney
Jimmy C. Dempsey
Artie Foreman '90
Bobby R. Gaines '67
Bill '66 and Irma Goodwin
Dr. Nicole F. Harrison Family Dentistry (Union)
J. P. Hurst '53
Joe Killens '83
Jason Mangum '92
Long's Building Materials, Inc. (Decatur)
Massey, Inc. (Decatur)
Newton County Bank
Carol Shackelford '71
Bill '52 and Sue Simkins '56
Dr. Eddie M. Smith '63
Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Jeanette B. Thrash '58
Union Discount Drugs, LLC
Chris Weems '00
Wayne and Carla Westbrook

**Young Brave**
Rusty '67 and Bettye Barnett '72
Mark '81 and Theresa Buntyn
Kelly Cluff '01
Sue Ford
Richard Harris '52
Marty '91 and Stacey Hollingsworth '93
William R. "Bill" Rowzee, Sr. '37
Given in honor of Sue R. Tinsley and Billy Rowzee
Amanda Walton

**Papoose**
Alexander Farms (Little Rock)
Ann H. Burkes '63
Rickey and Brenda Chaney '75
The Citizens Bank (Decatur)
Lanea Cochran '90
Billy and Mildred Crowther
Bob Douglas '67
Bobby R. Gaines '67
Mary Kate Garvin
Norman Gillis
Faye C. Henley
Ola Hunter
Given in memory of Homer Hunter
Joseph O. Knight '89
Molly McGee '74
Robert C. Murff
Karen Robertson '87
Randy Rushing '83
Ovid and Carol Vickers '58
Jack H. Winstead '56

## SCOTT COUNTY

**Chief**
Jerry Wooten '72

**Super Brave**
James and Rebecca Farris

**Brave**
Ralph Brown, Jr. '72
Joey Kenna
Leach Brothers Brokerage, Inc. (Forest)
Billy R. Lovett '57
Stanley McDill '89
George '67 and Jo Taylor '67
Michael L. Wade
Rita J. Waggoner '61

**Young Brave**
Drew '04 and Kery M. Kenna '04
Haywood Reeves '67
James C. Sawyer, Jr. '59
Joe Tadlock '71

**Papoose**
Larry J. Bradford '70
Ralph Brown
Kenneth Everett '89
Fay's Accounting & Tax Service, Inc. (Sebastopol)
Bubby Johnston
Sebastopol Finance, LLC
Anthony Stanford '05

## WINSTON COUNTY

**Super Brave**
Ron Perkins '98
James T. "Jim" Wood '49

**Brave**
Gene Davis '70
W. Mark Donald, D.M.D. Family Dentistry (Louisville)
Kathy Humphries
Given in memory of Roy King Humphries
Kim Webb '79

**Young Brave**
Walter L. '49 and Anna J. Allen '50
William E. Donald '53
Randal Livingston

**Papoose**
Jim Nabers '76

## OUT-OF-DISTRICT

**Super Chief**
M.E. "Boe" Davis, Jr. '55
Earl Marshall '56
Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97

**Chief**
Van '63 and Betty Chancellor '63
Cheryl Comans '81
Wilmer James '57
Hal Presley '77
James M. Vance '57

**Super Brave**
Ursula M. Breaux
Given in memory of Richard "Ricky" Breaux
Thomas E. Hannah '58
Max Huey '65
Judge Little
US Tennis Association, Inc. (White Plains, NY)

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**WARRIOR** (Continued from page 52)

**Brave**
Lester '57 and Eugenia Baucum '57
Leonard K. Blalock '57
Raymond Carter '58
Given in memory of Charles "Scoot" Ward
Cheatham Eye Care, LLC (West Point)
Wyatt L. Davis, Jr. '51
George Sills Engineering, LLC (Vicksburg)
Steve and Pam Hampton '89
Eddie and Patti Kortbawi
Landscape Management Group (Hattiesburg)
Raymond '57 and Lois McMullan '60
J. R. "Randy" Miles '60
Dr. Clyde Muse '49
Gwendoline S. Newman '52
In memory of Jack B. Spivey
Charlie '63 and Dee Payne '64
James Curt Pouncey '69
Luther Rives '62
Larry Savell '57
Specialty Interiors, LLC (Brandon)
Tri-State Brick and Tile Company (Jackson)
Sherry M. Wood '56
Working Solutions (Meridian)
Lucy Young '71

**Young Brave**
Mel '54 and Mary Etta Carpenter '54
Billy Chisolm '61
Adam Foreman '02
Everette G. Fox '61
Timothy C. Hamil '78
Polly A. Haynes '56
A. J. Kilpatrick '52
Wanda McPhail '71
Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Max Rich '54
Donald T. Rigler '51
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rigsby
Wallace '52 and Edith Wall
Dr. Gerald Walton '54

**Papoose**
Brent Bailey '90
Sara C. Crawford '49
Imogene Davis '43
James E. Fisackerly '58
Rosalyn R. Folks '64
Jamie E. Harrell '49
Jerry Johnson '73
James D. Lowery '56
Dr. Robert G. McCrory '50
David E. McKeehan, Sr. '58
Clyde Mills '58
D. J. Nobinger
Given in honor of Terry Cannon
Derek C. Pouncey
J. Edward Rainer '67
Lynne Smith
Madeline Strahan '54
Ken Stidham '64
Bettie R. Vermilya '52
Sara L. Williams '56

**Warrior Club 2009 Contributions By County (January – December)**

| | |
|---|---|
| EC Employee Payroll Deductions | $4,117.80 |
| Leake County | 1,040.00 |
| Neshoba County | 4,149.96 |
| Newton County | 18,166.45 |
| Scott County | 4,731.48 |
| Winston County | 1,100.00 |
| Out-of-District | 13,376.31 |
| Total | $46,682.00 |

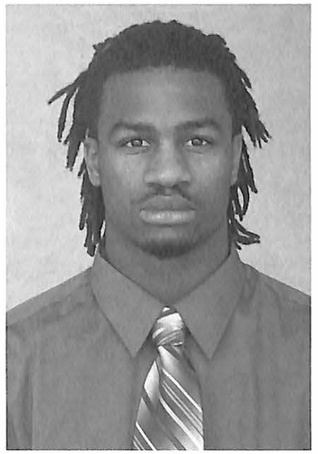
# *Former Warrior Drafted by Arizona Cardinals*

Jorrick Calvin, a former East Central Community College football standout who most recently was a member of Troy (Ala.) University football program, is continuing his career in the National Football League. Calvin was drafted in the sixth round by the Arizona Cardinals.

Calvin, a 5-11, 184-pound defensive back and kickoff/punt return specialist, was a member of the 2006 and 2007 Warrior squads led by head coach Terry Underwood. Calvin recorded five interceptions during his freshman season.

He had transferred to ECCC after spending a redshirt season at Northwestern University in Natchitoches, La.

Calvin appeared in all 13 games for Troy during the 2008 season and recorded 76 tackles. He also took over as the Trojans' primary kick and punter returner and was credited with a 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against North Texas. He also returned a blocked field goal 65 yards for a score against University of Louisiana at Lafayette.



JORRICK CALVIN

In addition, he earned Troy defensive player of the week honors twice and special teams player of the week on four occasions. He also became the first Trojan to capture Sun Belt Defensive and Special Teams player the same week when he received the honors for his effort against North Texas, which included 11 tackles, two for losses. He had a season-high 12 tackles and five kickoff returns for 116 yards against Louisiana State University.

Calvin was academically ineligible for the 2009 season.

Calvin was a three-year letter winner at Scotlandville Magnet High School in Baton Rouge, La., and helped lead the team to back-to-back state titles in 2002 and 2003. He was a first team All-District, All-Area and All-Metro selection his senior season. He was also named to the Capital City All-Star Team and was selected best defensive back. Calvin had 26 career interceptions in high school, including 13 picks his senior season.

# Warrior Club Contributions

**(January 2010 – March 2010)**

## LEAKE COUNTY

**Super Brave**
Frank W. Bowen, M.D. '41
**Brave**
Danny Allen '69
Ide B. Dickens, Jr. '40
William E. Kitchings
**Papoose**
Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Neal, Jr. '63
Cline Watkins '63

## NESHOBA COUNTY

**Chief**
Jason Hailey '98
**Super Brave**
Bob Posey '82
**Brave**
Sid '76 and Mickie Williams
**Young Brave**
Shelton E. Bounds '49
Mark Cheatham '86
Prentice Copeland '49
Jack '70 and Janis McMichael '72
Hugh W. Winstead '69
**Papoose**
Shirley Berg '02
Ruby H. Breazeale '57
Marc Stribling '92
Barbara N. Thaggard '51

## NEWTON COUNTY

**Super Chief**
Charlotte Brackeen '51
Ricky Harrison '78
**Chief**
Decatur Lions Club
Ronnie Westbrook '76
**Super Brave**
Fredrick Lyons '82 & '94
Newton Community Healthcare, Inc.
Dr. and Mrs. Eddie M. Smith '63
Dr. Phil A. Sutphin
Mickey Vance '79
Roger Whitlock
**Brave**
Allen and Kim Amis '80 & '93
Charles '75 and Debbie Boggan '76
Tanya Boler
Artie Foreman '90
James J. '53 and Jo M. Harris '54
Billy '78 and Jill Mayes '85
Carol Shackelford '71
Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Jeanette B. Thrash '58
**Young Brave**
Kelly Cluff '01
Marty '91 and Stacey Hollingsworth '93
William Lucy '82
Randy Rushing '83
Jack '56 and Jeanette Winstead
**Papoose**
Brenda Crosby '69
Bob Douglas '67
Richard Harris '52
Nancy D. Kidd '76
Karen Robertson '87

## SCOTT COUNTY

**Brave**
Ralph Brown, Jr. '72
Wanda C. Dean '85
James T. and Rebecca Farris
Drew '04 and Kery Kenna '04
Joey Kenna
Anthony Stanford '05
Rita J. Waggoner '61
**Young Brave**
Billy R. Lovett '57
Haywood Reeves '67
W. Royce Shaw '68
Joe Tadlock '71
**Papoose**
Larry J. Bradford '70

## WINSTON COUNTY

**Super Brave**
James T. "Jim" Wood '49
**Brave**
Gene Davis '70
**Papoose**
Henry L. '77 and Phylis Triplett

## OUT-OF-DISTRICT

**Super Chief**
Brown Bottling Group, Inc. (Ridgeland and Meridian)
M.E. "Boe" Davis, Jr. '56
Earl Marshall '56
Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97
**Chief**
Van '63 and Betty Chancellor '63
M & M Portolets, LLC (Thomasville, AL)
**Super Brave**
Thomas E. Hannah '57
John '54 and Jobyna Rushing '54
Terri L. Russell '82
**Brave**
Leo Allen
Lester '57 and Eugenia Baucum '57
Wyatt J. Davis, Jr. '51
Steve and Pam Hampton '89
Ray E. Hannah
Bill Lundy '69
Dr. Clyde Muse '49
Houston Patrick '54
Luther D. Rives '62
Dr. William Wheeler '72
Ruth W. Wilson '53
**Young Brave**
Brent Bailey '90
Brian C. Cooper '91
Everette G. Fox '61
Norman '47 and Miriam Harris '47
Randall E. Lee '82
A. Clyde Mills '58
Mr. and Mrs. James "J. E." Rigsby
**Papoose**
Paul Breazeale '65
Imogene F. Davis '43
Marge B. Davis '57
Samantha Denson '05
Debra Nobinger
Max Rich '54

**Warrior Club 2010 Contributions By County (January – March)**

| | |
|---|---|
| EC Employee Payroll Deductions | $ 663.00 |
| Leake County | 495.00 |
| Neshoba County | 997.49 |
| Newton County | 3,123.00 |
| Scott County | 775.00 |
| Winston County | 265.00 |
| Out-of-District | 11,445.00 |
| Total | $17,763.49 |

# 2010 Football Schedule

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. 2 | Northeast | Home 6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 9 | Northwest | Away 6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 16 | Itawamba | Home 6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | Pearl River | Away 7 p.m.. |
| Oct. 2 | Hinds (HC) | Home 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 | Gulf Coast | Away 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 14 | Jones | Home 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 21 | Co-Lin | Away 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 28 | Southwest | Home 6:30 p.m. |



# *Obituaries*

### *Jean Horne Allen*

Jean Horne Allen (Class of 1935) of Forest died December 26, 2009. After graduating from LCJC in 1935, she became a court reporter in Newton County, later working for the Chairman of the Highway Department Commission. Allen worked as the Executive Secretary for Senator James O. Eastland (D-MS) until he retired in 1978. She then worked for Sen. Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) for twelve more years, totaling 47 years as an employee in the U.S. Senate.

### *Dr. Conrad Barnes, Jr.*

Dr. Conrad Clement "Chee Chee" Barnes, Jr. of Natchez died March 4, 2010. He was born March 14, 1953, in Macon and graduated from Decatur High School as valedictorian in 1971. He earned his undergraduate degrees from East Central Junior College and Louisiana State University in microbiology. He was a dentist for over 28 years.

### *Dwight Barrett*

Dwight Barrett (Class of 1948) of Philadelphia died January 21, 2010. He was a native and long time resident of Neshoba County. He attended East Central Junior College in Decatur and later graduated from University of George in Athens with a degree in forestry. He was a retired forester and worked for Weyerhaeuser Co. for many years. He was a long time member of the Mississippi Forestry Association and served as past president of the Neshoba County Forestry Association. Mr. Barrett served in the U. S. Army during World War II in Italy and was a member of the VFW. He was a long time board member, former manager, and former president of the Neshoba County Fair Association.

### *Marzette Beckham*

Marzette Beckham (Class of 1941) of Carthage died February 22, 2010. A Leake County native, he served in the US Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean Conflict

### *Vera M. L. Blackburn*

Vera Maurice Loper Blackburn (Class of 1958) of Conehatta died December 7, 2009. Mrs. Blackburn was a life long resident of Newton County and a member of Pleasant Valley Methodist Church.

### *Frazier D. Breazeale*

Frazier Denson Breazeale (Class of 1950) of Waynesboro died January 26, 2010. He was born in Neshoba County and attended Zion School and received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Mississippi State University in 1955. He served in the U. S. Army Air Corp as a corporal from 1944 to 1945. He began a lifelong teaching career at Zion School in 1949 and taught in Atkinson County, GA school district. From 1957 until 1965, he was principal at Waynesboro Elementary School in Waynesboro. From 1965 until retiring in 1982, he taught at Howard II Elementary School in Biloxi. Kenneth Charles Bryan (Class of 1967) of Philadelphia died January 10, 2010. He was a sales representative for Taylor Machine Works and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

### *Michael Coleman, Jr.*

Michael E. Coleman, Jr. (Class of 1997) of Louisville died February 1, 2010. Coleman was a carpentry worker at Georgia Pacific Corp.

### *Bonnie C. Eakes*

Bonnie Chisolm Eakes, 92, died Monday, March 15, 2010 in Yalobusha General Hospital in Water Valley. She was a retired long-time employee of Neshoba County General Hospital.

### *Whitley Ann Fisher*

Whitley Ann Fisher, 19, of Lake died Thursday, November 5, 2009 at Newton Regional Hospital following a car accident. She was a sophomore at East Central Community College at the time of her death and was a member of the concert choir.

### *William J. Holland*

William Joseph "Joe" Holland (Class of 1964) of Carrollton, Texas, died November 17, 2009. He was born in Neshoba County and was a 1966 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1970 with two tours to Vietnam on the USS Kearsarge as an air intelligence officer. Elogene Ware Hogue (Class of 1945) of Walnut Grove died January 21, 2010. She was a retired postal clerk of Walnut Grove.

### *Lillian Irvin*

Lillian Bridges Gilmore Irvin (Class of 1935) of Fulton died January 29, 2010. She graduated from Carthage High School, East Central Junior College, and the University of Southern Mississippi before moving to Itawamba County. She taught nine years in Leake, Neshoba, and Winston counties, with two years in the Indian service. She taught 27 years at the Fulton Grammar School and six years in Kindergarten.

### *Frances Fulton Jarvis*

Frances Fulton Jarvis (Class of 1941) of Louisville died March 10, 2010. She was a native of Neshoba County and was a 1942 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in education. She taught until 1957, when she began working with her husband at Jarvis Oil Company from 1957 until 1993.

### *David Lane Little*

David Lane Little, 50, died Thursday, September 17, 2009 in St. Dominic Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was a teacher at Hinds Community College and co-owner of A&L Heating and Air Conditioning in Raymond. He was a graduate of Leake Academy, East Central Community College, where he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, and Mississippi College.

### *Sue Savell Lucas*

Sue Savell Lucas of Union died March 5, 2010. She was born and reared in the Crossroads Community of Neshoba County. She was a graduate of Union High School, attended East Central Junior College and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi.

### *Phillip Martin*

Phillip Martin, 83, of Choctaw died Thursday, February 4, 2010 in St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson. He served as tribal chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians from 1979 until 2007. He was a native of the Tucker Community in Neshoba County and attended East Central Junior College.

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### *Helen McMahen*

Helen Grace Luke McMahen (Class of 1936) of Union died March 11, 2010. She was born April 15, 1916 in Philadelphia and graduated from Union High School and Mississippi State College for Women (now Mississippi University for Women) in Columbus.

### *Christine Measells*

Christine W. Measells, 91, of Forest, died Sunday, April 4, 2010. A native of the Clifton Community in Scott County, she attended East Central Junior College on a basketball scholarship and was voted Most Athletic. She was a former teacher, coach and business owner in Scott County.

### *Dedria S. Mitchell*

Dedria Suzanne Mitchell (Class of 2002) of Conehatta died March 31, 2010.

### *Audrey Murff*

Audrey Murff died Sunday, February 28, 2010. She was a native of Decatur and was a graduate of Decatur High School and East Central Junior College.

### *Bobbye S. Newell*

Bobbye Spence Newell, 77, died Saturday, November 21, 2009 in Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian. She attended East Central Community College and became a secretary.

### *Thomas Sistrunk*

Thomas Sistrunk, 84, died November 18, 2009. He was born in Leake County and graduated from Sebastopol High School. He served in the U.S. Army and later attended East Central Junior College and Mississippi Southern College where he graduated with a triple major in science, mathematics and education. He was awarded the master's and doctoral degrees from Tulane University.

### *Frances H. Smith*

Frances Elizabeth Harris Smith (Class of 1930) of Decatur died January 22, 2010. She assisted her husband in the dairy business and was office manager of the Newton County Farm Bureau for many years. She was a member of the first graduating class of East Central Junior College and was the last surviving member of this class. (See article on page .)

### *Benedicta Steve*

Benedicta B. Steve, 71, died Sunday, October 25, 2009 in Regency Hospital in Meridian. Charles T. Sullivan (Class of 1950), a native of Sylvarena, died September 21, 2009. After serving in the Navy and pursuing his engineering degree from Mississippi State University, he began his 34 year career with Boeing. He was an electrical engineer for the NASA Space program and after a company transfer to Seattle, he worked on the AWACS program until his retirement in 1991.

### *Joe Lee Tadlock*

Joe Lee Tadlock, 67, of Morton died Friday, March 5, 2010 in University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

### *George Thornton*

George H. Thornton (Class of 1942) of Grenada died November 20, 2009. Mr. Thornton was an Air Force veteran having served in World War II. He served 11 years on the Grenada City Council and 31 years with U.S. AgriChemical. He attended East Central Community College and received his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University.

### *Gary Lee Thrash*

Gary Lee Thrash, 35, of the Leesburg Community in Scott County, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. He was a graduate of East Rankin Academy and East Central Community College.

### *Dr. Edwin Werkheiser*

Dr. Edwin Werkheiser, 92, died Wednesday, December 16, 2009. A native of the Deemer Community in Neshoba County, he graduated from Newton County Agricultural High School in Decatur. He attended Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi and graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1942. He was a member of the United States Army Medical Corps during World War II and later was on the staffs of St. Dominic, Baptist and Hinds General hospitals. After retirement from private practice, he worked at the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield and the Military Entrance Processing Station.

### *Pat M. Wilkerson*

Pat Munday Wilkerson (Class of 1964) of Forest died March 9, 2010.

## Homecoming 5K Run

***Saturday, October 2, 2010 • North Campus Pavilion***

Registration Begins at 7:30 a.m./Run Begins at 8 a.m.

*Refreshments Provided*

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- Class of 1960 • Class of 1970
- Classes of 1979, 1980, and 1981
- Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959
- Warrior Corps



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## *ECCC's History-Making Softball Squad!*

East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team completed the program's most successful season by finishing fourth in the 2010 NJCAA Division II Softball Tournament held May 20-22 in Normal, Illinois. The Lady Diamond Warriors won three of five matchups in the double-elimination event and concluded their historic season with a record 47 wins and just 11 defeats. Team members, shown celebrating their Region 23 Tournament title which sent the squad to Nationals, include (kneeling from left) manager Monica James, a product of Leake Academy; Brittney Cochran, Newton County; Hannah Lee, Leake Academy; Paige Holsen, Union; Hailey Chisolm, Neshoba Central; Emily Breland and Sierra Farlow, both of Neshoba Central; and (standing from left) Kristin Chaney, assistant coach; Morgan Malone, Madison Central; Lauren Nicholas, Neshoba Central; Olivia Maher, East Ascension High School, Gonzales, La.; Taylor Bailey, Bowie High School, Austin, Texas; Summer Alexander, Newton County; Chelsea Jones, Enterprise; Kasie Buckley, Newton County; Abbie Joiner, Neshoba Central; manager Sydney Tucker, Neshoba Central, Shelby Smith, Union, and head coach Scott Hill.

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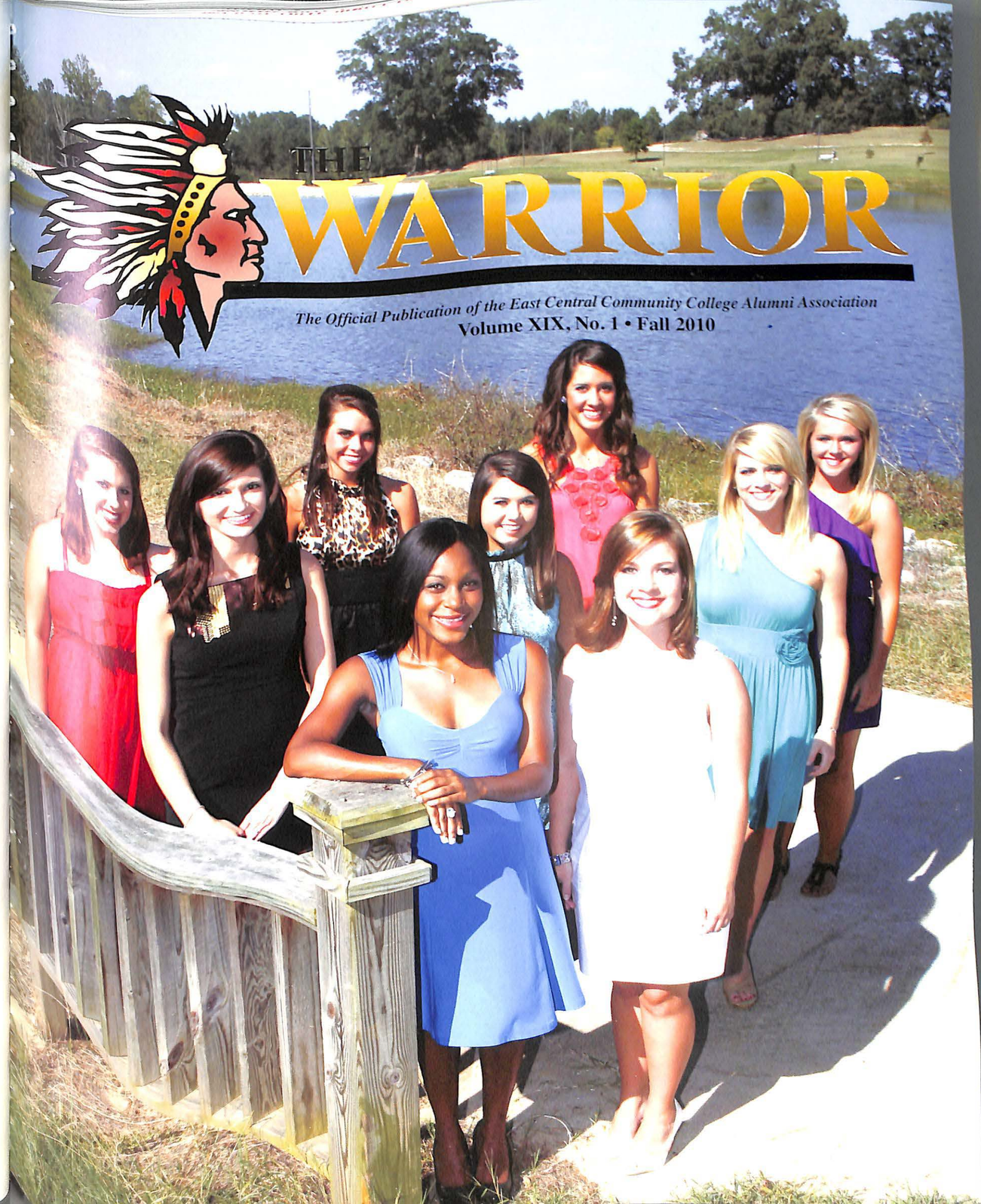

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Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

**On the Cover:**

Members of the East Central Community College Homecoming Court for 2010 include (front row, from left) queen Emily Hathorn of Louisville and maid of honor Anna Alexander of Little Rock; (second row, from left) sophomore maids Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, Ariel Doggett of Edinburg and Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol; and (back row, from left) freshman maids Nicole Bounds of Newton, Madison Nowell of Louisville, Ava Marie Adkins of Union and Ashlee Lee of Forest. The queen and her court will be presented during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 2. See Homecoming Schedule on page 2.

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# *The President's Message*

Dr. Phil Sutpin

EC is into another successful semester. You are all familiar with the adage, there's good news and there's bad news. Well the good news is enrollment is at an all-time high and the bad news is enrollment is at an all-time high. Of course, I will take that situation any day rather than the alternative but 2,992 students pushes the outer limits of our human and physical resources. However, the faculty, staff, and administration understand the mission of the College and do what is required to maintain quality instruction under difficult circumstances.

The bright spots for the College are the construction projects that are underway to relieve the overcrowded classrooms and beyond capacity parking. Also, prudent budgeting means that we are able to pay our bills without dipping into reserve funds (yet.) Next fiscal year is still a major question mark and could result in a deficit budget if the economy does not begin to improve.

Programmatically, EC has reorganized to improve planning and workforce education and development. Two of the College's administrators have taken on additional responsibilities to place more emphasis on institution-wide planning and a seamless articulation of workforce activity from articulation with secondary schools to post-secondary credit instruction to business and industry non-credit training to small business development. As a result of these two enhancements, the College will be in a position to establish priorities and document results.

We are particularly excited about the Founders Gym project that is taking shape at East Central. All of you have memories of the Gym and the role it has played in the life of the College for many years. This past summer, we received a small planning grant from Mississippi Archives and History to study the feasibility of doing a historical renovation of the Gym and to plan new programmatic uses for the facility. During Homecoming on October 2 you will have an opportunity to provide some oral history about the Gym and your recollections about the time you were at EC.

As always, the College appreciates the support of the alumni. Students-past, current and future-are the reason the College exists. Please take every opportunity to promote EC in particular and the community college system in general. We are a vital part of the future of our local, state, and national quality of life.

Hope to see you at Homecoming on October 2!

# "Remember When in 2010"
## East Central Community College

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

***Tennis Tournament***
September 30-October 1
ECCC Tennis Courts

***5K Run/Walk***
7 a.m. • October 2 • North Campus

***Oral History Collection***
8:30 to 11:30 a.m. • October 2
Founders' Gymnasium

***Gospel Choir***
***25th Anniversary Reunion***
**Rehearsal**
6 p.m. • October 2
Vickers Fine Arts Center
**Concert**
5 p.m. • October 3
Vickers Fine Arts Center

### *Schedule of Events*

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| 7 a.m. | **Registration for Homecoming 5K Run/Walk**<br>North Campus Pavilion • Run/Walk Starts at 7:30 a.m. |
| 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | **Oral History Collection**-Founders' Gymnasium |
| | **Bookstore Open**-Eddie M. Smith Student Union |
| 9 a.m. | **Homecoming Registration Begins**<br>East Mall Patio Near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria<br>Refreshments Available |
| 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. | **Memorabilia Room Open**-Burton Library |
| 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | **Tailgating, Music & Other Family Activities**<br>North Campus Pavilion |
| 10 a.m. | **Reunion Groups Meet**<br>Class of 1940 • Class of 1950<br>Class of 1960 • Class of 1970<br>Classes of 1979, 1980 and 1981<br>Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959<br>Warrior Corps |
| 10:30 a.m. | **Awarding of 50th Anniversary Diplomas to Class of 1960**<br>Auditorium, Vickers Fine Arts Center |
| 11 a.m. | **Warrior Club Annual Meeting**<br>Board Room, Vincent Administration Building<br>*(All former athletes and current supporters of ECCC athletics.)* |
| Noon | **Alumni Luncheon**-Mabry Memorial Cafeteria |
| 2 p.m. | **Football Game-ECCC vs. Hinds**<br>**Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court**<br>**Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band**<br>**Recognition of Homecoming Honorees** |

### Honorees

*Alumna of the Year* **Brig. Gen. Amelia Kennedy, Ret.** Class of 1970
*Alumnus of the Year* **William D. "Bill" Bailey** Class of 1946

*Athletic Hall of Fame*
**Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin** Class of 1950
**Chris Harris** Class of 1976

*Lifetime Achievement Award*
(Posthumously Awarded)
**Chief Phillip Martin** Class of 1958

*HOMECOMING* October 2, 2010



# Former Gospel Choir Members Plan Reunion

Former members of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir are invited to attend reunion activities scheduled as part of the College's annual homecoming celebration, which is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, on the Decatur campus.

Brenda K. Johnson, longtime gospel choir sponsor, said a "meet and greet" at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 at Logan's Steak House in Meridian officially begins the weekend reunion.

The group is also scheduled to meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, outside Bailey Stadium to attend the Warriors' homecoming battle with Hinds Community College at 2 p.m.

A rehearsal of the talented singers follows the game at 6 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center, in preparation for the Gospel Choir's Reunion Musical planned Sunday, Oct. 3. The special presentation begins at 5 p.m. in the Vickers Auditorium.

Johnson said participants for the musical performance are asked to wear ECCC Gospel Choir Reunion T-shirts and jeans.

"We are asking everyone who plans to perform in the choir to pay $20 to cover the cost of T-shirts and refreshments," said Mrs. Johnson.

For more information, contact Brenda K. Johnson, 601-683-6383, or e-mail ECCC Gospel Choir alumni Shemeka Cleveland, pnutbrown@yahoo.com or Terence Anderson, anderson0708@bellsouth.net.

## *Warrior Fitness Challenge Begins Homecoming Activities*

*2009 Warrior Fitness Challenge*

The fourth annual Warrior Fitness Challenge officially kicks off homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC faculty member Dr. Phillip Crenshaw who serves as race chairman.

Registration for the 5K Run/Walk gets under way at 7 a.m. at the pavilion on north campus, across from the Lady Warrior softball field. The race begins at 7:30 a.m.

Entry fee is $15 per person, which includes medallions and T-shirts for each participant.

Dr. Crenshaw said gold medals will be presented to the overall male and female winners. Gold, bronze and silver medals will be awarded to male and female winners in each age division.

Entry fees should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association, attn: Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, P.O. Box. 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

For more information, contact Dr. Phillip Crenshaw, 601-635-6281 or e-mail pcrenshaw@eccc.edu.

# Tennis Tournament Returns to Homecoming Activities

Tennis competition has returned to the list of homecoming activities available for alumni and students of East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

Hollingsworth said a two-day tournament is planned for the 2010 event and will be held Thursday, Sept. 30 and Friday, Oct. 1 on the ECCC tennis courts.

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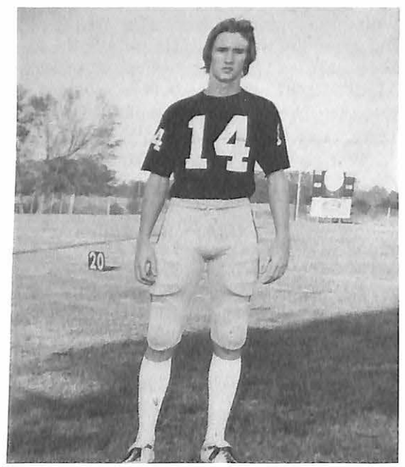
## Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Helped Lead Warriors to North Division Title

Chris Harris was a three-sport letterman and helped lead the 1975 Warrior football squad to a 7-2-2 record and a share of the MACJC North Division title.

Honors received following his success on the gridiron include All-State and All-Star recognition as a free safety.

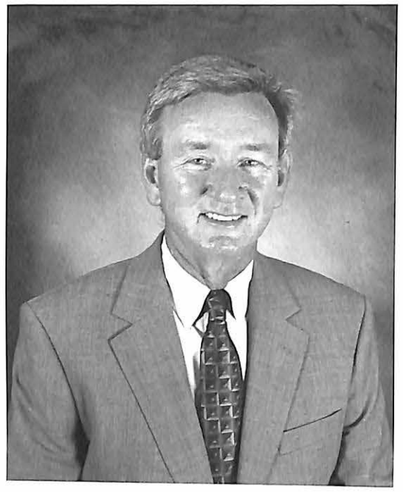
Harris, who also found success as a coach, can now add another award to his list of accolades: selection to the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame. He will officially join the prestigious group during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, on the Decatur campus.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be selected to be a part of this group in the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame," said Harris, who at 6-3, 160 pounds, played quarterback and receiver on offense, safety on defense and was a back-up punter.



*Chris Harris was an All-State and All-Star defensive back for the Warriors in 1975.*

"I would like to thank Mr. Earl Marshall for the nomination and others such as Coach Ken Pouncey, Coach Willie Coats and Jim Nabers (all ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame members) for their support of me over the years," said the ECCC administrator and Decatur resident. "My experience at EC has allowed me the opportunity to be associated with a lot of great people. Some, I have played ball with; others I have coached with over the years. All have had a very positive influence on my life."



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Harris, whose responsibilities at ECCC include serving as athletic director, director of personnel services and work-based learning coordinator, said the highlight of his football career as a Warrior involved an upset win over Pearl River Community College played on the Poplarville campus.

"It was my sophomore year and we were going to Pearl River to play the number-three ranked team in the nation," he recalled. "We were obviously the underdog to the Wildcats, who were coached at the time by JC Arban (former ECCC assistant), a legendary coach who knew how to win. Needless to say, we played one of our best games of the year and won 16-9 in a hard-fought contest. I was fortunate enough to have two interceptions during the game due to heavy pressure being applied to the quarterback by our defensive front. It was a great day to be a 'Warrior.'"

Following the upset, Pouncey, who was head coach, praised Harris in an article about the game for his "outstanding defensive effort" in helping lead the team to victory.

Harris also excelled in baseball. He was the starting third baseman both seasons and was one of the Diamond Warriors' leading hitters, according to Coats, who was head baseball coach at the time in addition to his duties as assistant football coach.

Coats said of his former player: "Chris Harris was the kind of player who always gave 100 percent effort in practice and in the games. Chris was the ultimate team player; always putting the team first."

Harris also played as #2 in singles for the EC tennis team.

In addition, he was involved in numerous extracurricular activities, one of which still brings a chuckle today.

"Several of us football players participated in a Womanless Beauty Pageant and to my amazement, I finished third," he said with a big smile. "It was a little odd to see my teammates, who had bloodied my nose for the past two years on the football field, dress up and look so feminine and sweet on stage!"

Harris was also a cast member in the musical "Gypsy" and played the part of "Yonker."

But it was his participation in athletics and his friendships with teammates he once played against, that he enjoyed the most while a student athlete at ECCC.

"Of the 22 starters, half were from our immediate area that I knew through competing against in high school," he said. "Others, I had heard about, but never played ball against them. We developed a closeness/relationship that good teams generally possess. I continue to try to maintain a contact with as many former players as possible."

And what did he enjoy the least?

"Bed checks and curfews!" he said without hesitation.

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# Howard Carlton McMillin

## Inductee Considered One of the Toughest Linemen to Wear Black and Gold

Although he tipped the scales at only 175 pounds, Howard Carlton McMillin was considered one of the toughest linemen to wear Warrior Black and Gold.

McMillin's coach, the late Arno Vincent, said of the Louisville native: "Pound-for-pound, Howard Carlton McMillin was the best lineman I ever coached."

McMillin, a standout on the 1948 and 1949 East Central Community College squads, is being recognized for his success on the gridiron with his selection to the 2010 ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

The retired optometrist and Carthage resident will officially be enshrined during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2 on the Decatur campus.

"I am extremely honored, thrilled and grateful to be selected for induction into ECCC's Athletic Hall of Fame," said Dr. McMillin, a 1950 graduate. "Also, I continue to be grateful for my ECCC education. The football scholarship was the basis for my successful career as an optometrist."

McMillin commented it was Vincent, who later became the College's third president, serving from 1953-62, who had "the biggest influence on my life" while attending then ECJC.

*McMillin was a standout lineman on the 1948 and 1949 Warrior teams.*

*Howard Carlton McMillin*

"On more than one occasion did Coach Vincent praise my abilities as a lineman," said Dr. McMillin of his "favorite" coach. "I considered his praise as the highest honor I received at ECCC."

McMillin mentioned one of the last visits he had with his former coach prior to his death at age 93 in Petal.

"Shortly before he died, I met him at homecoming, where he asked how was I doing," Dr. McMillin recalled. "I teasingly answered, 'Well, the bank took my farm and my cattle, but they're letting me keep the house!' We were interrupted before I could tell him otherwise! Later, I telephoned him to set the record straight, and then went to Petal for an enjoyable visit with him."

Regarding his football career, McMillin said, "I loved playing the game...pitting my strength and determination against our opponents. On the other hand, I did not like practice very much, and certainly did not like getting my left knee injured during a kickoff against Holmes during my sophomore season!"

McMillin's "love" for the game was echoed by one his nominators, Pruitt Calvert of Louisville, who was a sportswriter and followed McMillin's career as a Wildcat and Warrior.

"I have never seen a more dedicated and determined player than Carlton McMillin," wrote Calvert. "It was almost impossible to move him off the line...he got more than his share of tackles. He pretty well owned his side of the line."

Calvert, in a news article about McMillin and other Louisville football players on the ECCC squad, described McMillin as "the most dreaded tackle at Decatur (East Central) even though he tips the scale at 175 pounds!"

McMillin, who played offense and defense, helped lead the Warriors to back-to-back winning campaigns.

The 1948 team finished the regular season at 6-2-2 and would have qualified for the Little Rose Bowl in California with a win over Gulf Coast in the season finale. But the Bulldogs prevailed 26-7 and headed west, and the Warriors landed a berth against Panama City, Fla., in the Panama City Bowl, and won the game. The Warriors also defeated East Mississippi in the Lions Bowl in Meridian to complete a successful 8-2-2 season.

The 1949 Warriors went 6-4-1 and participated in two post-season bowls: the Georgia Bowl in Valdosta, Ga., and the Laurel Lions' Bowl in Meridian. EC defeated state champion South Georgia Junior College 19-14 in the Georgia Bowl and edged Gulf Coast 14-12 in the Lions' Bowl to avenge an earlier two-point loss in the season finale to finish 8-4-1 under coaches Arno Vincent, John Grace and Hillary Horne, who also led the 1948 squad.

McMillin recalled the 1948 team not only stood out for its winning season, as he explained:

"In 1948, our entire team bleached their

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# *Chief Phillip Martin*

## ECCC Honors Late Choctaw Tribal Leader

For almost five decades, Chief Phillip Martin helped lead the Mississippi Band of Choctaws from the depths of poverty to a prosperous nation and in so doing gained a national reputation as the "Moses" of the Choctaw people.

Martin, who died Feb. 4, 2010, at age 83 following a "massive" stroke, is being remembered by his alma mater, East Central Community College, for his dedication to economic development, commitment to education and his leadership of the Choctaw people.

The College is posthumously presenting Martin with a Lifetime Achievement Award during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, on the Decatur campus.

Martin's widow, Bonnie, and other family members are expected to attend the Alumni Association Luncheon beginning at noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria, when the award will be presented by ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

"Chief Martin recognized the value of higher education and workforce training," said Dr. Sutphin. "ECCC entered into a fruitful partnership with MBCI and Chief Martin to provide educational opportunities and workforce training. Because of the Chief's efforts, the College works closely with the economic development arm of the Tribe and staffs the Integrated Technology Training Center at Choctaw, Mississippi."

Martin, who attended ECCC in 1958-59, served eight consecutive terms as Tribal Chief, from 1979 until his defeat by current chief Miko Beasley Denson, in 2007.

He was first elected to the Tribal Council in 1957 and sought to improve Choctaw housing as one of his early initiatives. In 1981, Martin persuaded then Mayor Allan King and the City of Philadelphia to issue bonds to lure American Greetings to what was then a new industrial park on the Pearl River Reservation.

The Choctaws used the bond money to build a 12,000 square-foot building, which was used by the greeting card company for 25 years. At its peak, American Greetings

*Chief Phillip Martin*

employed 150-250 people and had an annual payroll of more than $2 million.

For years Martin traveled across the country talking to CEOs trying to convince them to put manufacturing plants on the Reservation. The Choctaws soon built their own industrial park...and Martin's dream of "self-determination and economic development" for his people, was under way.

That dream became even more of a reality with the completion of the $750 million Pearl River Resort, which includes the Silver Star Hotel and Casino, Golden Moon Hotel and Casino, Dancing Rabbit Golf Club and Geyser Falls Water Theme Park, described as the "centerpiece" of the Tribe's economic engine.

Martin helped bring many other businesses to the Choctaw Reservation, among which included a wire harness operation, a plastic molding facility, and printing, direct mail, and construction enterprises, a shopping center and several high-tech manufacturing facilities.

Thanks to Martin's leadership, the Tribe is now one of the state's largest employers with assets worth more than $1 billion.

In the two decades ending in 1999, household income on the Reservation jumped to $24,100 from $2,500, while unemployment fell from over 75 percent to about two percent, according to the Wall Street Journal, which included Martin's obituary with the headline, "Moses' of the Choctaws Led the Indian Tribe to Prosperity."

Miko Denson said of the longtime chief following his untimely death, "He transformed the economy of our tribe and with it the fate of our people. He modernized our government. Our Tribe and all of Indian Country would not be where we are today without his leadership, commitment to self-determination and his dedication to economic development."

Denson was among the estimated 200 mourners who packed Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Martin's native Tucker Community, for the Feb. 8 service.

Martin also received accolades from state and national leaders.

Gov. Haley Barbour described Martin as "a visionary leader whose remarkable life was marked by devoted and productive service to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians."

"His attention to economic development while preserving the cultural aspects of Native American life in Mississippi will be long remembered; he was a great Mississippian and will be missed," Barbour said in a prepared statement.

Sen. Roger Wicker said Martin was a leader "who inspired his people and strengthened his community and state."

Flags were flown at half-staff in Philadelphia, on the Pearl River Resort and other locations on the Reservation in Martin's honor.

Martin was born on March 13, 1926, at the old Choctaw Indian Hospital in Philadelphia, the third of six children to Willie and Mary Martin.

His early life was described as "difficult" in the Tucker Community, where he

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# *ECCC Warrior Locker Room Renovated*

New flooring was recently installed in the football locker room at East Central Community College in Decatur, thanks to a $5000 donation from Citizen's Bank in Philadelphia. Billy Singleton of CustomCrete in Philadelphia donated his services to install the concrete flooring and paint the design. Singleton was a member of the 1996 and 1997 Warrior football squads. "We are most appreciative to Citizens Bank and Mr. Singleton for providing our players with a first-class dressing room facility," said Brian Anderson, Warrior head football coach. New lockers were earlier added to the dressing room, with funding provided mostly by former Warrior football players. "Our locker room is now one of the best in the state," said Anderson, "and we thank those involved for their support."

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vents the soldiers from having to remain at an active duty medical facility for long periods of time."

Kennedy returned to Camp Shelby in 2007, where she served as Officer in Charge of Medical Soldier Readiness Processing.

"I managed a staff of 35 who medically and dentally prepare the troops for deployment. We conducted screenings, administered blood tests and vaccines , provided optometry checks, hearing exams, dental exams and case managed medical issues identified during the screenings. Some 50,000 soldiers are processed through Camp Shelby annually.

Kennedy recently retired from the military as Brigadier General after having served almost 27 years. She is a member of the Mississippi Public Health Association, the National Guard Association of the United States and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

"The best part of my career has been knowing that I had something to do with making sure soldiers were fit for duty and ready to be deployed and that I had an impact on their success-a positive effect on them."

While reminiscing of her days as an East Central student, Kennedy noted the changes that have taken place.

"When I was here you could only miss two classes per semester without an excuse. I think that is an excellent idea because it puts boundaries out there. We had an 8 p.m. curfew in the evenings, except for date night, which was one night per week and allowed you to stay out until 10:30 p.m.

"Girls had to wear dresses or skirts, no pants. When we would go to physical education classes we would have to wear a raincoat over our shorts.

Kennedy especially enjoyed participating in sports as a student.

"I considered myself an athlete. A tennis team was started while I was a student at East Central. Those of us who made the team traveled to games with the baseball team. I really enjoyed that! I also enjoyed playing intramurals."

She didn't know her roommate before classes started, but said they became fast friends.

" Genie (Callahan Hall) and I are still friends today, although we only get to see each other once a year at the Neshoba County Fair, which I go to every year! Our dorm room was the gathering place. We also hung out at the Student Union and played cards.

"I was fortunate to make long-lasting friendships that I still maintain and obtain an education as well. I consider myself lucky to have been surrounded by good, hard-working people and good, Christian parents, as well as great educators. The late Brigadier General Denver Brackeen, who was Dean of Students at ECCC when I was there, was a great influence on my life and is the main reason I joined the military.

"I was also fortunate to have had the opportunity to go back for a second career. A lot of people don't ever have that opportunity."

Kennedy currently resides in Louisville in the home of her late parents, James Ernest and Polly Strait Kennedy. She works part-time as a registered nurse at Noxubee General Hospital in Macon.

In her free time, Kennedy stays very involved with her family, which includes her two sisters, Ina Eaves and Paula Parker, both of Louisville. She also has two nieces and two nephews and seven great-nieces and nephews who keep her busy.

"I have no children of my own, but I'm crazy about all of these. I plan to provide the shuttle to take these 'little people' to school, ball practice, ballet and all the while encourage them to come to ECCC to begin their college educations!"

# ECCC Trustees Honored for Service

Special recognition was recently given to Annie Stowers (second from left) of Forest and Jerry Nance (third from left) of Louisville for their service as members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Stowers has been a trustee for 10 years and Nance has accumulated 25 years of service. Both received plaques of appreciation and were recognized at the annual Mississippi Community and Junior College Trustees' Association Conference held July 9-10, 2010, in Biloxi. Also shown are ECCC Board of Trustees Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin who also recognized the longtime trustees at the group's Aug. 10 meeting on the Decatur campus.

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After completing one year at East Central Junior College, Bill Bailey hitchhiked to Meridian where he joined the Air Force on July 9, 1940. He served five years in the South Pacific and at the Panama Canal during World War II, before returning to Decatur where he completed his degree at East Central and enlisted in the National Guard.

Bailey served two additional years active duty during the Korean Conflict and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with 24.5 years total military service. He is the recipient of the Magnolia Medal for meritorious service in the Mississippi National Guard. Additional honors include Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster, American Theater Operation, Air Offensive Japan, Air Offensive China-Southern Pacific and Ryukyus, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic Theater of Operation and Philipine Liberation Ribbon.

As a student at East Central, Bailey said he had "a lot of fun."

"There wasn't much going on in those days," he said. "The school had wagons and mules. I remember one time someone took the wagon apart and put it back together on top of a building!

"The train came through each morning about 2 a.m. Some of the students, and I won't call any names, would put soap on the rails. When the train would try to leave the wheels would spin on the rails and the train couldn't go until it was cleaned off."

Like most students in those days, Bailey had a job.

"I would paint houses for Mr. Leon Eubanks (former ECCC English instructor) for 10 cents an hour to put myself through school," Bailey said.

Bailey continues to support his alma mater and most recently helped provide funds to construct a new entrance and landscaping for the ECCC football stadium, which was re-named Bill and Louise Bailey Stadium.

He is a former president of the Mississippi Independent Telephone Association and the Mid-South Telephone Pioneer Association and was vice president of the Mississippi-Alabama Independent Telephone Association.

Bailey is a former president of the Newton Flying Club and holds a certified airman certificate. He has taught more than 50 people how to fly. He holds ratings as a Private, Commercial, Instrument, Multi-Engine, Glider and Sea Plane pilot as well as a Certified Flight Instructor.

He helped to organize and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Newton County Academy.

Bailey helped to organize the Decatur Chamber of Commerce of which he is a past president, and was instrumental in Decatur being named a "Key Community." He is also a former member of the Decatur Board of Aldermen and served many years as a volunteer fireman. He is also a past president of the Decatur Business Club and served as chairman of the Decatur Re-vitalization Program.

In addition to making a donation to help build a new fire station in Decatur and to help purchase new fire equipment, Bailey also donated 75 acres of land to the Town of Decatur for an Industrial Park.

"To show our appreciation to our subscribers in our community our basic telephone rate is the same today as it was in 1978."

He also served his community as a Cub Scout leader and served as chairman of the Troop Committee for Eagle Scouts and the Boy Scout Review Board. He is a Master Mason and a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A published author, he penned "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey," a recollection of war stories, his personal favorite stories and stories of his many years in the telephone business.

He is a member of Decatur United Methodist Church and has served on the church finance, pastor parish relations and building committees and the Board of Stewards.

Bill and Louise Bailey have been married 67 years and have two children. Dr. Mark Bailey is a neurologist in Birmingham and specializes in pain management. He and his wife, Karan, have two daughters, Allison and Katherine. Dr. Esther Bailey Smith completed her Ph.D. in business management and helps run the family business. She has one daughter, Hannah.



# *ECCC Officials Attend JUCO Sports Luncheon*

East Central Community College was well represented at the inaugural MACJC JUCO Weekly.Com Media Luncheon held Aug. 5 at the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum in Jackson. The recently established JUCO Weekly.Com Web site provides sports information from the state's community and junior colleges. The company partnered with PSBLive.com to video stream the luncheon and conduct interviews with MACJC coaches for broadcast on the Web site. JUCO Weekly.com will also feature a community junior college football game each week in addition to listing scoring summaries of all games each week. East Central's matchup with Northwest in Senatobia is the featured game scheduled Thursday, Sept. 9. ECCC officials shown include (front row, from left) Kenneth Thompson, head soccer coach; Neal Holliman, head baseball coach; Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; Scott Hill, head softball coach; Bill Smith, women's head basketball coach; and Kyle Watson, assistant football coach and co-head tennis coach; and (back row, from left) Chris Harris, athletic director; TJ Johnson, assistant men's basketball coach; Maurice Bowie, men's head basketball coach; Brian Anderson, head football coach; and Michael Avalon, assistant baseball coach.

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Harris said "relationships" was what EC was all about:

"The most enjoyable part of attending East Central was the relationships that developed, both in the classroom and on the playing field or tennis court," he said. "Instructors displayed a genuine interest in you, and athletics were important to everyone back then. EC was my playground as a child, living across the road from the College. Many great memories exist as a child on the campus of ECCC."

Prior to attending EC, Harris was a standout in several sports while attending Decatur High School. He participated in football, basketball, track and tennis, receiving All Conference and All District honors in football and basketball.

Harris continued his association with sports while pursuing a bachelor's degree in educational psychology at Mississippi State University.

He served as a graduate assistant under Coach Pouncey during the fall of 1977 and served as offensive coordinator. He also managed two physical education classes.

Harris actually took on more duties than he had anticipated due to the sudden departure of James Mason, who left the two-man coaching staff after the season was under way.

Mark Killens of Newton, who was quarterback during the 1977 campaign, recalled the unusual circumstance involving the coaching change.

"For some reason, Coach Mason left after the third game our freshman season," said Killens, who is also a member of the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame. "The job that Coach Pouncey did following Coach Mason's departure is still amazing to me, and Chris Harris did a great job of filling in as assistant coach. They really did a good job keeping the team together, which was probably a big reason we had so much success the following year."

The 1977 squad finished 4-7 but the following year the Warriors went 6-4-1.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1978, Harris "officially" began his career in education at Hickory High School by serving as assistant principal, history instructor, counselor and assistant basketball coach to Richard Harris, another ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame member.

Chris Harris continued his career at Decatur High School, serving from 1979-84. He was history instructor, counselor, men's basketball coach, assistant football coach and assistant track coach. During his five-year tenure, the football team played for a state title and the basketball team qualified for the state playoffs each year. It was also during this period when Harris received a master's degree with emphasis in counseling and administration at MSU-Meridian in 1980.

Harris was hired at Newton High School in 1984 and served two years as guidance counselor prior to being named the school's principal, a position he held until 1988.

He left education to enter private industry with La-Z-Boy South in Newton, first serving as assistant human resource manager until 1993 when he assumed the position of Human Resource Manager for Newton operations.

Harris left La-Z-Boy in January 2005, when he was hired as Work-Based Learning Coordinator at ECCC. Since that time, he has taken on additional responsibilities of athletic director and director of personnel services.

He was married to the former Pam Reeves of Decatur until her untimely death of cancer in June 2008. They had three children, Kelli Harris, Krissi Harris Munn and Cole Harris, all ECCC graduates. He recently married the former DeAnne Carroll from Newton, who has a son, Joseph Aulds.

# Lucas Joins Neshoba Career-Tech Faculty

Bethany Lucas of Weir was recently selected business and computer technology instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College in Decatur.

Lucas served since 2007 as business/computer teacher at Senatobia junior and high schools, where she taught personal finance, keyboarding, web design and desktop publishing. She also maintained the school's Web site, authored and designed the school newsletter and advised the Video Production Club.

Her teaching experience also includes internships at Columbus and Starkville high schools.

She is a member of the National Business Education Association and serves on a committee to update the Business Education Curriculum in Mississippi. She has also worked with Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

*Bethany Lucas*

A 1998 graduate of Pine Grove High School in Ripley, Lucas holds an associate's degree in computer programming from Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville, and a bachelor's degree in secondary education-technology and a master's degree in technology, both from Mississippi State University in Starkville.

She is married to Jeff Lucas.

Her parents are Billy and Wanda Walker of Ripley.

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hair," he said laughing. "I suppose it was a bonding experience!"

McMillin noted at least one professor was not amused with the team's new hairdo.

"My chemistry teacher, Mr. (Frank) Cross, was horrified! He moved me to the front of the classroom, where he gave me a lecture, saying, 'Mr. McMillin, I thought you had more sense than to damage your brain with those chemicals!'"

Despite their brief "confrontation," McMillin said he and Professor Cross became "good friends" and "he had me assist him with many chemistry experiments."

McMillin praised his EC instructors "who prepared me well for further study at Mississippi State and the University of Houston."

"They were outstanding," he said of the faculty," and so was the student body, which was made up of people just like me, from rural Mississippi – we were almost like a family."

McMillin said he might have missed out on his "family" experience at ECCC, had it not been for the "inspiration" provided by his high school football coach.

"When I was a freshman at Louisville, my football coach, Elzie Hinze, looked directly at me one day in Civics class and announced: 'Everybody isn't meant to go to college, are they, Carlton?' If he was using reverse psychology on me, it worked. I made up my mind to, some day, go to college just to show him!"

McMillin recalled his financial situation at the time, and realized that his "ticket" to an education was playing football.

"As a so-so student with no money, it (college education) seemed impossible – until I received a football scholarship to East Central," said McMillin, who served as team captain of the 1949 Louisville Wildcat team. "That scholarship was the best thing that ever happened to me (other than my wife, of course). It was my passport to higher education."

McMillin, who received a bachelor's degree in animal science from MSU in 1952 followed by a doctor of optometry degree from the University of Houston School of Optometry in 1958, parlayed his education into a successful 37-year career as an optometrist in Carthage, close enough to ECCC to easily attend events.

He also had a distinguished military career. He served five years in the Mississippi National Guard; two years in the U.S. Army before being honorably discharged in 1955; and five years in the U.S. Army Reserves, honorably discharged in 1961.

He held membership in several professional organizations, including the Mississippi Optometric Association, American Optometric Association and Central Mississippi Optometric Society. He has also participated in the Harvard University Health Professionals Study since 1986.

His community and civic activities are numerous. He has served 37 years as a member of the Leake County Chamber of Commerce and is a former president of the Carthage Lions Club and Leake County Jaycees, which he also co-founded. He is also a co-founder of Leake County Little League Baseball and served nine years as a little league umpire. He is a co-founder of Leake Academy and served 12 years on its school board. In addition, he is a co-founder of the Bank of Central Mississippi and served 14 years as a board member. He also holds membership in the Leake Country Club and is a former member of the Leake County Sportsman's Club and Park Lake Recreation Club.

Dr. McMillin has served for more than 50 years as a member of Carthage United Methodist Church, where he has held numerous positions of leadership. He currently serves as coordinator of Adult Ministries. He was recognized as the church's "Father of the Year" in 1994.

He is also a longtime time member of the ECCC Warrior Club, a support group for the College's athletic teams.

In his spare time, he enjoys breeding hounds and exotic cattle, and has received honors for his expertise in the field. He also spends time gardening, fishing, reading and watching his grandsons play football.

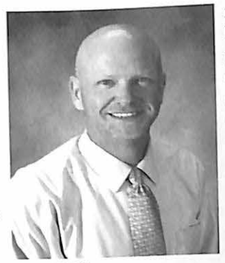
He and his wife, the former Shirley Van Hooser of Arcadia, La., have been married since 1957. They have a daughter, Lisa McMillin Townsend of West Monroe, La., a special education teacher; and a son, David C. McMillin, an attorney in Monroe, La.; and five grandchildren, Laura, Eden and Gabe Townsend, and Brady and Cody McMillin.



# Killens Named Philadelphia Career-Technical Center Director

After serving 13 years in the Student Services area at East Central Community College, Joe Killens has decided to take on a new challenge.

Killens, who has spent the past 10 years as Vice President for Student Services, was recently named Director of the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of ECCC, announced College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.



*Joe Killens*

Dr. Sutphin said Killens was the ideal candidate to succeed Robert Murphy, who earlier announced his retirement following 16 years service and 37 years spent in education.

"Mr. Killens takes his work very seriously and commits himself to goal accomplishment," said Dr. Sutphin. "His work with students is evident by the esteem in which he is held by them. Students know him and he knows them, and he works for their benefit in all that he does. His level of enthusiasm for his work encourages those around him to work a bit harder.

"Mr. Killens' ideas about recruiting should translate into an increase in students at the Center from the two feeder schools (Philadelphia and Neshoba Central)," he said. "In addition, he realizes the connection between the needs of area businesses, the Center and East Central, and expressed the need for relevance and coordination in the curriculum. Classroom visitation and his knowledge of the role the teacher plays in the process will benefit the Center in achieving his stated goal of a model career-tech center."

Prior to joining the ECCC staff in 1997, Killens served as Alternate School Director for Itawamba County Schools in Fulton. He is also a former economics instructor and coach at Itawamba Agricultural High School. He began his career in education in 1987 as a social studies instructor and coach at Clarkdale Attendance Center in Meridian.

A graduate of Union High School, Killens attended ECCC and received a bachelor's degree in secondary education at the University of Southern Mississippi and has a master's degree from the University of Mississippi.

He is married to the former Teri Flint of Philadelphia and has a son, Kyle, an ECCC graduate transferring to Mississippi State University in the fall, and a daughter, Allie, a rising junior at Saltillo High School.

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grew up without running water or electricity. He eventually left Neshoba County to attend the Cherokee Indian Boarding School in North Carolina after his father died and his mother was unable to support him.

The death of Martin's older brother in Germany during World War II was said to have had a profound impact on the younger Martin, and at age 19 he left for active duty in the Army and later became a radar specialist in the Air Force.

On a visit home in 1953 during a late summer evening described as "unusually hot and humid" at the Neshoba County Fair, the then 27-year-old Martin reacquainted himself with a young Indian Princess, Bonnie Kate Bell, whom he would marry within two years.

"That chance meeting was the beginning of an exciting though often long-distance romance," Martin recounted in his autobiography, "Chief: The Autobiography of Phillip Martin."

Bonnie was the one who encouraged Martin to stay in Neshoba County and make a difference, he wrote in his book.

On January 6 of this year, the Martins celebrated 54 years of marriage.

Martin was known as "chief" among his military buddies long before he was elected Tribal leader. He was one of four Martin brothers to serve in the U.S. Military.

When the "chief" gave his farewell address following his defeat to Denson in 2007, he stated leaving his tenure "was very difficult."

"It's very difficult today, it's like leaving home," Martin stated."I've been here so long that it's difficult...but I knew it would come one day and it has come today."

Martin was the recipient of numerous honors throughout his career but none were more special than his recognition as Philadelphia and Neshoba County's "Citizen of the Year" in 1997.

"I get a lot of awards but they are from somewhere else," he said while accepting the award during the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. "It has a lot more meaning when your own people, local people, recognize you. It means a lot to me because I live here and work here."

In 2008, the American Legion Post 138 honored Martin for his contributions to Neshoba County veterans and presented him with a flag that flew over the nation's capital in his honor.

Nationally, Martin served as president of the National Tribal Chairmen's Association, as a founder and past president of the United States and Eastern Tribes, an association of the 23 federally recognized tribes in the eastern portion of the United States.

He was the first president of the Board of Regents of Haskell Indian Junior College, serving from 1970 to 1976. During that period, he helped the college achieve full accreditation.

In 1993, he founded the United South and Eastern Tribes Gaming Association, and served as president.

As a strong and widely-known advocate for education and economic development, Martin was selected to serve on the advisory committee for the Division of Technology at Mississippi State University-Meridian.

He was also responsible for establishing public service enterprises, such as the Choctaw Transit Authority and the Choctaw Utility Commission.

Martin was also the recipient of numerous national and state awards, including the Hammer Award from then Vice President Al Gore. He was also inducted into the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Press Association Hall of Fame.

Martin and his wife had two daughters, Deborah Lewis and Patricia Gibson, both of Choctaw. He is also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

# ECCC Welcomes New Personnel

The College recently welcomed several new faces to the Decatur campus. New faculty and staff members for th 2010-11 term include Candy Anderson, Healthcare Advanced Skills Trainer; Cisley Townsend-Barksdale, childcare attendant; Ryan Clarke, director of ABE/GED; Ed Girling, assistant band director; Ruth Gregory, accounting/business instructor; Leslie Hughes, library director; Cathryn May, math instructor; Elizabeth Minter, assistant librarian; Randall Lee, vice president for student services; Marcie Pinson, director of housing/student activities; Felicity Purvis, financial aid assistant; Monica Rigdon, administrative assistant to the dean of healthcare education; Amanda Skinner, financial aid assistant; and Misty Smith and Britta Stephens, who both joined the English faculty.

Anderson of Conehatta, who has served as an adjunct nursing instructor at ECCC since 2007, previously served as pediatric nurse for Dr. Melody Byram for the past 11 years.

*Candy Anderson*

She has also served on nursing staffs at East Central Health Care in Sebastopol, Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian and Laird Home Health in Union.

Anderson attends Rocky Hill Church of God, where she serves as children's group leader. She is also a member of the Sebastopoolza Scarecrow Committee, an annual town celebration. In addition, she helped sponsor Saddle Up for St. Jude, a fundraising event, along with a group of other horse-riding friends.

A graduate of Warren Central High School, Anderson received an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Nursing, graduating magna cum laude, from Hinds Community College in 1994. She completed pre-BSN courses at ECCC with plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi in the fall.

She is married to Steven Anderson and they have three children: Cole, 13; Payton, 10; and Madalyn, one.

*Cisley Townsend-Barksdale*

Townsend-Barksdale is a former childcare provider and teacher at Mississippi Action for Progress, Meridian Headstart Center, where she was employed since 2007.

She is a 2005 graduate of Choctaw County High School in Butler, Ala., where she was a member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Beta Club, marching band and chorus and served as treasurer of the student government association. She also held the rank of First Lieutenant and served as drill team commander and company commander of JROTC.

She received an associate's degree in early childhood technology from Meridian Community College in May 2008. At MCC, the Dean's List scholar served as president of the Student Association of Early Childhood Profession and was a member of the Mississippi Early Childhood Association and the Southern Early Childhood Association.

She and her husband, William Barksdale, are members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Yantley, Ala.

They have four children, Josiah, Tanaysia, Jordan and William II.

*Ryan Clarke*

Clarke, previously served as AEMS Input Manager/GED Examiner for the College's Adult and Continuing Education program, a position he has held since 2003.

In this new position, Clarke is responsible for directing the College's ABE/GED activities in Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

A graduate of Newton County High School, Clarke received an associate's degree from ECCC, a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's degree in counselor education from Mississippi State University-Meridian.

*Ed Girling*

Girling brings 28 years of experience as a band director and percussion instructor to the ECCC Band Program, led by Thomas W. Carson.

Girling most recently served as Forest High School band director, a position held since 2004. Honors received during his tenure at FHS include Wal-Mart's "Teacher of the Year" award in 2006.

He also led high school band programs at Scott Central (1995-2004), where he received STAR Teacher honors in 1998; Stringer (1994-95), Neshoba Central (1991-94), Manchester Academy (1988-1991), Cleveland (1987- 88), North Sunflower Academy in Drew (1985-87) and Yazoo City (1982-86).

Girling has served as clinic and contest judge and as a band clinician and guest conductor. In addition, he has experience in organizing and administering clinics and contests. He is also a music arranger and composer and has served as a percussionist for various music groups.

He is a former president of the East Central Mississippi Band Directors' Association district and the Mississippi Private School Association. He is a longtime member of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association.

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His community interests include serving two years as concert director for the Scott County Honor Band, which received superior ratings in concert and sight reading. He has also served as a director of several musicals in addition to performing in numerous theatrical productions.

He is a member of Carthage Presbyterian Church, where he serves as deacon, education director and Vacation Bible School coordinator.

A graduate of Pass Christian High School, Girling holds bachelor and master's degrees in music education from Delta State University in Cleveland.

He is married to the former Karen Stevenson of Cleveland.

Gregory served the past year as business and office technology instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of ECCC.

*Ruth Gregory*

She is former business and office technology instructor at ECCC, where she served from 2004-2009. She is also a former English and Business Technology instructor at Union Public Schools.

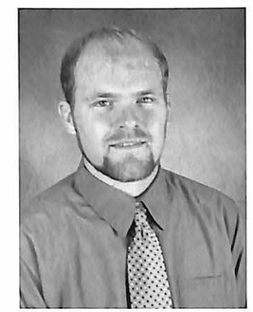
Prior to her employment in Union, she served as Business/Technology Discovery teacher at Scott Central Attendance Center and taught English at Lake High School. She also served two years as English and business instructor for the Department of Defense Dependents' Schools in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

In addition, Gregory is a former business instructor at the Forest/Scott County Vo-Tech Center and Poplarville High School. She is also a former adjunct instructor at ECCC.

A graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, Gregory received an Associate in Arts degree from ECCC in 1982 and earned bachelor and master's degrees in business education from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1984 and 1985 respectively. She has completed additional coursework in computer applications from Mississippi State University and in online accounting from American Public University System in Charles Town, West Virginia.

She is married to Mike Gregory, operations manager of Georgia Poultry in Bay Springs. They have two children – Troy, a senior, and Danielle, a sophomore, who both attend Newton County High School.

Howell served the past two years as a collision repair technician at Marshall Ford in Union. He held the same position at Charlie Beddington Perfect Collision in Meridian in 2007-08.



*Luke Howell*

Howell serves as student minister at Noxapater Baptist Church and is also a member of the County Line Volunteer Fire Department. He is a former music minister at Linwood Baptist Church.

A graduate of Newton County High School, Howell holds two degrees from ECCC: an Associate in Arts in music received in 2005 and an Associate in Applied Science in collision repair, in 2007.

While a student at ECCC, Howell was actively involved in the music program, participating in various groups including the Wall O' Sound Marching Band; the Ac'cents, the College's show choir; and the Collegians, ECCC's rock 'n' roll band. In addition, he was a member of various musical productions.

He was also a first-place winner in collision repair technology during both years of competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Contest. He finished as high as seventh in the national event.

Howell is married to the former Aubrie Cleveland of Union. They have two children, Jacob, five; and Annley, two.

Hughes was previously employed since 1996 as library/media specialist for Choctaw Tribal Schools in Choctaw. While serving in this capacity, Hughes was responsible for the implementation of instructional technology for the school system, which is nationall recognized as the technological leader in the Bureau of Indian Education.

*Leslie Hughes*

He is also a former library director for the Kemper-Newton Regional Library System and served as head librarian at Clarke College in Newton. In all, Hughes has 26 years of library experience.

Hughes is a member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. He previously served 16 years as minister of music at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Union.

A product of Magee High School, Hughes holds an associate's degree from Copiah Lincoln Community College in Wesson. He received bachelor and master's degrees in library science from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and earned an educational specialist degree in school administration from Mississippi State University in Starkville.

He and his wife, Liddia, have a son, Brandon Hughes, a former ECCC student who is continuing his education at USM.

May joins the ECCC staff after serving as a math instructor at Newton County High School since 2000. During her 11-year tenure at Newton County, May received STAR Teacher recognition and served as department chair. She also served as Beta Club and class sponsor.

She is also a former math instructor at Newton County Middle School, Choctaw Central and Lamar high schools, and Meridian Community College. In addition, she was previously employed as an industrial engineer at Peavey Electronics in Meridian.

May is a 1987 graduate of Newton High School, where she was selected valedictorian and STAR Student. She received a bachelor's degree in math in 1991 and a

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*Cathy May*

*Elizabeth Minter*

master's degree in 1992, both from the University of Mississippi.

She and her husband Michael May are owners/operators of Lazy Acres Plantation in Chunky. They have a daughter, Mikayla May.

Minter previously served as library secretary at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson County campus in Gautier. She is also former library circulation clerk for the Jackson George Regional Library System-Pascagoula Public Library.

A graduate of Person High School in Rosboro, North Carolina, Minter received a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in communication arts from the University of South Alabama in Mobile in 2004, and earned a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2010. She also attended Piedmont Community College in North Carolina and MGCCC.

She is the daughter of Brenda and Steve Minter of Moss Point.

Lee has served as dean of student services at Central Maine Community College, located in Auburn, Maine, since 2006.

During his tenure at Central Maine, Lee was responsible for leading the student services division, which includes more than 30 personnel involved in various areas including enrollment management, admissions, housing, discipline, security, athletics, counseling and financial aid.

*Randall Lee*

He is also credited with improving campus life by doubling the number of student clubs and varsity sports teams. In addition, he led efforts to build the college's first fitness center on campus.

Lee is also a former vice president for student affairs at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where he served from 2002-2006.

His administrative experience also includes a stint as district dean of academics at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, from 2000-2002.

In addition, he is also a former adjunct psychology instructor for the University of Maryland in Europe, Maryland, and also taught psychology courses at Fayetteville Technical Community College in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Lee began his employment at ECCC in 1994 as academic counselor. He was named acting dean of students in August 1996 and officially assumed the post in October of that year.

Lee is also a longtime member of the military and will observe 32 years of service with the U.S. Army in October 2010. He was deployed to the Middle East in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in 2008. After serving as Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel overseas, he now serves as Command and Control Chief for a Medical Support Training Battalion.

He is an honor graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received bachelor and master's degrees. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree from USM.

Lee and his wife, Michelle, have two children. Lana is a junior English major at Southern New Hampshire University. Alexander will be a senior this fall at Newton County High School.

*Marcie Pinson*

Pinson previously served the College as secretary to the vice president of student services and student recruiter, a position she held since January 2007.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Pinson served as a psychosocial rehabilitation counselor at Weems Community Health Center. She is also a former loan administrator assistant at Community Bank in Forest.

A graduate of Scott Central High School, Pinson holds an associate's degree from ECCC and a bachelor's in educational psychology from Mississippi State University.

She is married to Toby Pinson and they have two children, Madelyn Klaire and Marleigh Rhea.

*Felicity Purvis*

Purvis previously served as a financial aid specialist at Meridian Community College. She is also a former secretary at MCC's Career Development Center.

She is a 2002 honor graduate of Newton County Academy, where she participated in numerous activities. She served as editor of the annual staff and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Outreach Society, NCA Pride Club and Student Government Association.

She received first-place honors in marketing at district Future Business of

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Leaders (FBLA) competition and competed at the state level. She was also a cheerleader and member of the tennis and junior varsity basketball squads.

In addition, she was named to the National Honor Society, National Dean's List and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Purvis is a 2004 honor graduate of ECCC, where she was a member of the Warrior Chorus, Concert Choir and Mu Alpha Theta, an honor society for math students. She was also the recipient of several scholarships.

She continued her education at Mississippi State University-Meridian and received a bachelor's degree in business administration in May 2006. Honors include her selection to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

She is a member of First Baptist Church in Newton.

She is married to Matt Purvis of Newton.

Her parents are Cathy Godwin of Hickory and Rocky Godwin of Newton.

She is the granddaughter of Simmie D and Donald Godwin of Newton, and Betty Jo and Lamar Smith of Meridian.

*Monica Rigdon*

Rigdon served the past five years as an assistant in the College's Financial Aid Office.

She is a 1982 graduate of Parkway High School in Bossier City, La., and received an Associate of Arts degree from ECCC in May 1984.

She is married to Bobby G. Rigdon, Jr. They have a son, Adam Rigdon, a junior at Mississippi College.

Skinner previously served as an advertising sales associate at The Scott County Times in Forest. She also has experience as a legal assistant, real estate agent and bank teller.

Skinner attends Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur and is a member of the Junior Auxiliary of Scott County.

*Amanda Skinner*

A 1997 honor graduate of Lake High, Skinner received an associate's degree in liberal arts from ECCC in May 1999, and earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in business and industry from Mississippi State University in December 2001. She was recognized as a magna cum laude graduate at both institutions.

At ECCC, Skinner was a member of Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges; Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for math students; the Ac'cents, the College's show choir; and concert choir. A Dean's List scholar, Skinner was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She was also a finalist for the John Stennis Scholarship.

She is married to Mike Skinner of Pearl and they have two daughters - Aubrie, a five-year-old who attends kindergarten at Newton County Elementary School, and Anna Claire, two.

*Misty Smith*

Smith previously served as a member of the College's adjunct faculty. She is a former graduate assistant in the English Department at Mississippi State University in Starkville.

A graduate of Union High School, Smith received an Associate in Arts degree from ECCC in 2006 and earned bachelor and master's degree in English from MSU in 2008 and 2010, respectively.

She is the daughter of Becky and Tommy Yarbrough of Gulfport and Carroll Smith of Deatsville, Ala., and granddaughter of Mary Green Smith of Marbury, Ala.

*Britta Stephens*

Stephens previously served as an adjunct English instructor at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville. She is also a former English instructor at North Pike Middle School in Summit.

She is a graduate of North Pike High School in Summit, where she was a standout basketball player. Honors received by the shooting guard include her selection as a Mississippi High School Basketball All-Star.

Stephens continued her education and basketball career at Delta State University and later Mississippi College before transferring to William Carey University in Hattiesburg.

At William Carey, she received a bachelor's degree in English education and master's degrees in English education and secondary education. She was a three-year starter for the Lady Crusaders and was selected an NAIA Scholar Athlete in 2009 and 2010. She was also selected Outstanding English Major.

Stephens, who has coached at several basketball camps and clinics, will also serve as an assistant on Coach Bill Smith's Lady Warrior staff.

She is the daughter of John and Kay Stephens of Summit, who are both teachers and basketball coaches.

Her grandparents are James V. and L' Dean Gordon of Philadelphia. She is also a great niece of Pat Mioton of Philadelphia.

# 'Be All That You Can Be'

### *ECCC GED Graduate Tells Audience*

Tiffany Rushing was in the 11th grade when she dropped out of high school in 1999.

Rushing knew leaving school was a mistake but she kept putting off the decision to return to the classroom...until she recently enrolled in GED (General Educational Development) classes offered by East Central Community College.

Rushing, now 29, was among the approximately 70 students who received their high school equivalency diplomas from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin at the 2010 GED Graduation held July 22 on the Decatur campus.

Not only was the Union resident one of the proud graduates, she was one of three students who provided testimonials.

During her remarks, Rushing recalled her struggles after becoming a high school dropout.

"Just like many of you, I felt so incomplete," Rushing stated before a packed audience in Huff Auditorium. "I wanted more for my education but time after time I stuck it (returning to school) on the back burner."

Rushing said one night while she slept "it all came to me like a shooting star."

"I knew I could do better for myself... so I got busy and made the first step that put me back on the path that God had for me," she explained. "I enrolled in the GED program here at EC."

Rushing said she soon realized she could achieve her goal, thanks to the support and encouragement from her instructors and family.

"Mrs. (Mary) Burt, Mr. (Bryan) Burt and Mr. (Ed) McGowan had so much confidence in me that I knew I could do all things through Christ who strengthened me," she said. "Thanks also to my wonderful husband and children for their help and inspiration."

Rushing, who plans to continue her education in the near future, challenged others who do not have a high school education to take the next step.

"As I speak to you (tonight), let's focus on the following thought: "Be all that you can you be....by going back to school and getting your GED!"

Jean Brown, a resident of the House community in Neshoba County, also provided a testimonial.

*GED graduates (from left) Tiffany Rushing of Union, Jean Brown of Collinsville and Angela Cage of Conehatta provided testimonials at the annual commencement held July 22, 2010, at East Central Community College in Decatur.*

Brown, who dropped out of school while a eighth grader in 1982, has three grown children and four grandchildren. She said watching her children receive their high school diplomas provided the inspiration she needed to return to the classroom.

"I remember watching with pride as each one received a diploma," she remarked. "I thought to myself, 'someday I will do that'....but the older I got the more I thought, 'no way...I'm too old...and how can it help me any way.' Then I realized that the only one standing in my way... was me!"

Brown began taking GED classes provided by ECCC at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center and soon her "dream" was realized.

"Now I stand here at age 42 as a GED graduate!" she exclaimed. "Thanks to my teachers, Mrs. (Susan) Hisaw and Mrs. (June) Fulton, my dreams are coming true. I will start classes at ECCC in August with hopes of pursuing a degree in culinary arts technology."

Brown, who also expressed appreciation to family members for their support, encouraged others in need of a GED to enroll in classes "and have your dreams come true, too."

Angela Cage, 41, of Conehatta, was the third speaker and recalled how she dropped out of school as a 16-year-old eighth grader and soon began a family while living in Lake City, Fla.

"I became a mother at age 18, and over the next few years had three more children," Cage stated. "I realized at that point going back to school was not going to be possible. School was the last thing on my mind...my family was first."

But Cage changed her attitude about getting an education when she moved to Newton County in Feb. 2010.

"When asked about going back to school, I then realized how much I wanted and needed my education," she recalled. "So I decided at age 41 to get my GED. And now two months after my middle son's graduation from high school, I can stand here before you as a 2010 GED graduate!"

During her remarks, Cage also expressed appreciation to Frances Edwards and Marion Thornton "who have always believed in me and told me that I can accomplish my goals." She also thanked ECCC and the GED instructors "for all their help to make our goals and dreams a reality."

Cage, who plans to major in computer programming at ECCC, concluded her remarks by encouraging others to pursue their educational goals:

"Nobody, no matter how old or how bad their lives are, should give up on their hopes and most of all their dreams. I know you can do it; just like I did."

Also receiving GED diplomas were

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# *ECCC Reports 'Challenging' Record Enrollment*

A record 2,992 students are enrolled in fall classes at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Dr. Sutphin said the new record is a 5.3 percent increase over the previous record of 2,841 students who registered for the fall 2009 term.

Although the College welcomes the additional students, Dr. Sutphin said the challenge lies in accommodating the growth.

"We are again faced with doing more with less," said Dr. Sutphin in reference to state budget cuts which amounted to approximately $800,000 the previous fiscal year.

Due to decreased funding from the state, EC has raised tuition for a second-straight year.

As of May 2010, tuition increased to $895 per semester. Room and various other fees were also increased while Board (meals) fees remained the same.

In addition to increasing tuition and some fees, Dr. Sutphin said the College has implemented various cost-cutting measures to its $19 million-plus budget.

"We have done just about all we can do to cut costs, including limiting travel, purchases, etc.," said Dr. Sutphin. "But with the increased enrollment, we have more students to serve, which makes it a challenge to provide the quality education and services they deserve. It's the same old song for us and the other community and junior colleges, and that is to continue to do more with less."

In an effort to accommodate the College's growth, a new two-story science building is currently under construction near Cross Hall, where science classes are currently held. The $4.1 million dollar facility, named in memory of longtime biology instructor and division chairman Ron Davis, will include state-of-the-art laboratories for science students. State bond funds accumulated in recent years provides the financial resources for the project, expected to be completed in 2011. State bond funds will also be used to renovate Cross Hall, where science classes will continue to be held, when the Davis Building is completed. Additional classroom space is also planned for Cross Hall.

The College has also added new parking areas to accommodate the record number of students attending classes.

"Parking is always a challenge for college campuses and we are doing all we can to accommodate the many students who drive to the Decatur campus to attend classes," said Randall Lee, who recently returned to ECCC for a second stint as vice president for student services.

A new parking lot was added near Todd Hall last spring and a new parking lot will be completed soon next to the Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building.

Lee said the challenges with parking and classroom space does not alter his recruiting efforts.

"We are fortunate that additional classroom space is being provided on campus to help with our growth," Lee said. "We will continue our recruiting efforts to attract as many students as possible to our campus, because we know that students – of all ages – receive a quality education when they get here."

East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties and the surrounding areas.

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Rodtrellius Amos, Flossie Hayes, Lydia Henderson, Tatyana Lewis and Jamarius Moore, all of Forest; Brittany Arrington, Vossburg; Dorothy Barfield and Shalonda Singleton, both of Decatur; Kimberly Bates and Candice Wicker, both of Pulaski; Kaylace Beatty, Ariel Griffin, James Lee, Cody Lindsay, Stephanie Moore, Tracy Moore, Dana Nelson and Jamarius Spann, all of Morton; Zachary Bishop, Tyricqwon Burks, Nikki Lawson and Kristopher Waldrop, all of Carthage; Jean Brown, Collinsville; Sherman Bufkin, Sr., Freddie Dertinger, Danielle Dorman, Courtney Ellingburg, Clarissa Gladney, Kevin Greer, James Griffin, Norman Griffith, Cadraious Houston, Samantha Ladd, Amber Maxwell, Nathaniel McBride, Melissa Melancon, Keiwana Miller, Ryan Quintana, Tyler Reese, Samantha Richardson, Jonathan Robinson, Shekera Smiley, Wendy Tubby, Reginald Tucker and Jessica Ward, all of Philadelphia; Angela Cage, Conehatta; Christina Chamblee, Ashley James, Robert Munn, Tiffany Rushing and Joshua Wilkerson, all of Union; Lisa Chaney and Kimberly Gilbert, both of Little Rock; Augustine Clark, Noxapater; Austin Dunsford, Tupelo; Dewayne Evans, Meridian; Dorothy Ewing, Kara Massey and Cathy Oliphant, all of Newton; Ashley Fulton, Preston; Audreanna Johnson and Crystal Johnson, both of Lena; Leanne Killen and Donald Moss, both of Walnut Grove; and Daniel Brice Langford and Dakota White, both of Louisville.

In addition to Dr. Sutphin and graduates providing testimonials, other program participants were Len Bobo, ECCC music keyboard instructor, processional and recessional; Ed McGowan, ABE/GED instructor, invocation; graduate Nathan McBride of Philadelphia, special music; Dr. Neil Marsh, minister of education, Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, guest speaker; Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, ECCC vice president for instruction; presentation of candidates for diplomas; and Larry Harms, ABE/GED instructor, benediction.

For more information on the College's ABE/GED Program, contact Ryan Clarke, director of adult basic education, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 387.

# *ECCC Practical Nursing Graduates*

New careers await the above graduates of East Central Community College's Practical Nursing Program, who were recognized at the program's annual pinning ceremony held August 3, 2010, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Graduates and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Audra Walker, Newton; Brittany Powers, Carthage; Mallary Cumberland, Newton; Lakeisha Lyles, Forest; Sandra Lampkin, Decatur; and Casie McClendon, Morton; (second row, from left) Roshanda Butler, Lake; Tamika Brown, Meridian; Ashley Strebeck, Hickory; Jonee Brantley, Philadelphia; Kay Boswell and Rochell Moore, both of Louisville; and Jerekia Harris, Morton; (third row, from left) Monica Johnson, Brandon; Jamaica Chapman, Newton; Nicki Sullivan, Louisville; Chassidy Smith, Decatur; Buffy Todd, Philadelphia; and Janet Ricks and Kenyatta Pace, both of Forest; and (back row, from left) Shan'Neeci Brown, Newton; Frankie Sullivan, Louisville; instructors Melanie Pinter, Theresa Cole and Alicia Lundstrom; Ashley Pettis, Philadelphia; and Ethan Lewis, Rose Hill. Frankie Sullivan, chosen Practical Nursing Student of the Year, delivered the commencement address. Other graduates participating in the program were Chassidy Smith, invocation; and Janet Ricks, benediction. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and Vice President for Instruction Dr. Lavinia Sparkman also participated in the program along with members of the practical nursing faculty and Dr. Betsy Mann, dean of healthcare education.

# Moody Scholarship Established at ECCC

The Robert J. Moody, Jr. Special Education Scholarship was recently established at East Central Community College.

Designated for a deserving ECCC sophomore from Winston County, the scholarship is named in honor of Robert J. Moody, Jr. of Louisville, son of Bobby and Ann Moody. Bobby Moody is a longtime member of the Mississippi House of Representatives who "has worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for individuals with special needs," according to the scholarship description.

Candidates for the Robert J. Moody, Jr. Special Education Scholarship must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, have a desire to pursue a degree in education with an emphasis in special education, and plan to attend East Central Community College in Decatur during the fall semester of their freshman year at ECCC.

The annual recipient will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

If there are no qualified applicants pursuing a degree in special education, others may be considered.

For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-6205.

## *ECCC Paramedic Technology Graduates*

Graduates of East Central Community College's Paramedic Technology program received special recognition at the annual pinning ceremony held Aug. 5, 2010, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Set to begin their new careers are (seated from left) Jonathan Adkins, Union; Christina Gibbs and Chris Gibbs, both of Lake; Brandon Kelly, Butler, Ala.; and Monty Lewis, Philadelphia. Standing from left are Katrina Bryant, director of EMT-Paramedic Technology; Christopher Pearson, Union; Raymond Schendel, Lusk, Ala.; Jay Sharp and Ashley Tolbert, both of Philadelphia; Dale Yates, Union; and Mark Rushford, instructor of EMT-Paramedic Technology. For more information on the two-year program, contact Katrina Bryant, director, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 425.



# Athletic Teams Recognized for Academic Excellence

Several athletic teams representing East Central Community College in Decatur have been recognized for academic excellence on the national level.

The women's fast-pitch softball and men's tennis squads were named 2010 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Spring All-Academic Teams of the Year, and the Lady Warrior tennis squad is a co-recipient of the academic honor, according to a news release from the national office located in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Approximately 340 teams qualified for academic team accolades and more than 1,300 student athletes met requirements for individual academic recognition, said Mark Krug, NJCAA director of sports information and media relations.

Regarding the ECCC recognition, athletic director Chris Harris stated, "It's an honor and a privilege to have athletes perform well in the classroom and athletically. It's a reflection of the efforts of our student athletes, our instructors and our coaches that provides opportunities for our student athletes as they enter the next stage of their education."

The Lady Warrior softball team claimed the top academic spot after posting a 3.69 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, edging Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala., which had a 3.68 GPA.

Team members and their respective high schools include Morgan Malone, Madison Central; Sierra Farlow, Lauren Nicholas, Abbie Joiner, Emily Breland and Hailey Chisolm, all of Neshoba Central; Summer Alexander, Brittney Cochran and Kasie Buckley, all of Newton County; Olivia Maher, East Ascension High School, Gonzales, La.; Shelby Smith and Paige Holsen, both of Union; Chelsea Jones, Enterprise; Taylor Bailey, Bowie High School, Austin, Texas; and Hannah Lee, Leake Academy. Managers were Monica James of Leake Academy and Sydney Tucker of Neshoba Central.

Scott Hill, who serves as head coach, said of the award: "This is quite an honor that recognizes our young ladies for their efforts in the classroom as they have shown a tremendous work ethic this year on and off the field. We are so proud of the way they have represented this institution, our program and themselves. I know I speak for the entire team and athletic program as I express thanks to the fine East Central instructors who work with our players throughout the school year." Kristin Chaney serves as assistant coach.

The ECCC softball team recently completed its most successful season in school history by finishing fourth in the 2010 NJCAA Division II Softball Tournament held May 20-22 in Normal, Illinois. The Lady Diamond Warriors, who finished 47-11, advanced to the national competition after winning the Region 23 crown.

The Lady Warrior tennis team also posted a 3.69 grade point average to share academic honors in the sport with Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College.

Team members and their respective high schools include Hannah Peoples and Abby McMillan, both of Newton County Academy; Ashley Walker, Union; Rachel Ramirez and Sami Elkins, both of Forest; Elise Gibbs, Newton County; and Anna Alexander, a home-schooled student from Little Rock.

The men's tennis team captured the academic award with a 3.39 grade point average, edging Rockland Community College of Suffern, New York, which posted a 3.33 GPA.

Squad members and their respective high schools include Colton Amis, Darius "Dee" Walker, Jason Hancock and Richie Ferguson, all of Newton County; Will Marston, Matt Griffin, Garret Moore and Zac White, all of Union; Danny Smith, Carthage; and Walter Stinson and Nathan Calvert, both of Neshoba Central.

"I'm really proud of these students.... they worked hard and deserved the recognition," said Dianne O'Neill who coaches both squads with assistance from her husband, Patrick O'Neill, and Kyle Watson.

The Lady Warrior soccer team was earlier named an NJCAA Fall Academic Team of the Year by posting a 3.45 grade point average, edging Navarro College of Corsica, Texas, which had a 3.43 GPA.

Team members and their respective high schools include Laurel Burnett, Neshoba Central; Kathryn White and Sarah Costello, both of Northeast Lauderdale; Brooke Boulton, Jessy Harrison, Polly Vaughn and Monica Vincent, all of Newton County; Alanna Fairchild and Liz Withers, both of Neshoba Central; Marcia Guerreiro, Richland; Jasmine Buclon, New Albany; Lisa Tubby, Philadelphia; Brandy Greer, Carthage; Jacqueline Pionan, Jerupang International, Labuan, Malaysia; Anna-Rose Blaylock, Newton County Academy; Mamie Shannon, a home-schooled student from Philadelphia; and managers Jarvis Jordan of Long Beach and Jesus Martinez of Grenada.

Kenneth Thompson serves as head coach and Brooke White was his assistant for the fall 2009 term.

The Lady Soccer Warriors also won the top academic award in 2005 with a 3.51 grade point average.

ECCC student athletes earlier announced as NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-Americans - those with at least a 3.8 grade point average – included tennis players Abby McMillan of Newton County Academy, and Elise Gibbs and Jason Hancock, both of Newton County; softball/basketball player Hannah Lee of Leake Academy; softball player Brittney Cochran of Newton County; and soccer players Brandy Greer of Carthage, Jared Mullins of Faith Christian School in Tupelo and Mamie Shannon, a home-school student from Philadelphia.

Student athletes chosen NJCAA Academic All-Americans for maintaining at least a 3.6 grade point average included football team member Jordan Vance of Trinity Episcopal in Natchez, and soccer player Alanna Fairchild and golfer Griffin Burke, both of Neshoba Central.

To qualify as NJCAA Academic All-American, student athletes must have completed three semesters of work college work and participated in at least one athletic season.

Recipients of the national academic honors will be featured in the NJCAA publication, JUCO Review.

# Dr. Bowen Honors Wife's Memory in Providing ECCC Scholarship

A college education would not have been possible for Carthage physician Dr. Frank Bowen had he not received financial assistance.

Dr. Bowen, who began his medical practice in 1952 in Walnut Grove before moving to Carthage in 1957, continues to practice medicine at age 89. But his successful medical career would not have been possible without a loan from a relative and other financial support.

"If you know my history, you know that I needed assistance to continue my education," said Dr. Bowen. "I grew up on a small farm...and an uncle of mine provided finances for my schooling at East Central (then Junior College), and it (the loan) was paid back. Also, as a World War II veteran, I received the GI Bill assistance to allow me to finish my pre-med courses and my internship. At that time, there was a state scholarship of up to $5,000 for a four-year course if I chose to go to a rural area, which I also had."

After the death of his wife, Bobbie, Dr. Bowen decided to honor her memory by establishing a scholarship in both their names to be presented to a student in need of financial assistance to attend ECCC in Decatur.

"East Central is where we met and got our start as a young couple," Dr. Bowen said, "and we believed that a deserving person needs to be provided a quality education."

Dr. Bowen and his wife met while attending East Central their freshman year in 1940-41. They married in 1943 while Dr. Bowe was stationed in Tampa, Fla., and were together for more than 63 years when she died of heart disease at age 84 in February 2007.

"We were friends and sweethearts all during my career...we never forgot each other, and were always thinking about each other," said Dr. Bowen.

Mrs. Bowen, a Leake County native, attended Mississippi Southern College, now the University of Southern Mississippi, and was a school teacher. They had a son, Frank W. Bowen, Jr., who resides in Carthage and works for Sta Home Health and Hospice.

In establishing the scholarship, Dr. Bowen designated the award "for a student from Leake County who needs help and is aspiring to do something for himself/herself." Qualifications specify that scholarship recipients finish in the top 10 percent of their graduation class from a high school in Leake County, and plan to enroll at ECCC the fall semester following graduation.

*Dr. Frank Bowen (right) of Carthage is shown with Christina Nollie, a 2010 graduate of Carthage High School and the first recipient of The Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship presented at the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held earlier this summer for students at East Central Community College in Decatur. Also pictured is Nollie's father, Worthy Nollie.*

The first recipient of the Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship is Christina Nollie, a 2010 graduate of Carthage High School. The award was presented at the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 on the Decatur campus. This year's event resulted in $76,000 in annual or endowed scholarships presented to 120 students planning to attend ECCC for the 2010 fall semester, according to Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, event coordinator who serves as executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

Nollie graduated with a 3.9 grade point average and finished eighth in her class. She was a member of the Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America and served as advice columnist for the school newspaper, The Tiger Times.

Her activities at ECCC will include serving as assistant editor of The Tom-Tom, the campus newspaper. She also plans to be involved in Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students.

She is the daughter of Worthy Nollie and Annie Gould, both of Carthage.

Nollie, who said she is "most appreciative" of the scholarship, plans to major in office systems technology. Her career goal is to be a business owner one day.

While Nollie is making plans for her career, Dr. Bowen is approaching 60 years of service in the medical field.

In addition to his office practice – and being on call 24 hours a day - Dr. Bowen serves as medical director for Golden Living Center, a long-term care center in Carthage, and serves as medical director for a local hospice center.

In reflecting on his career, Dr. Bowen said he knew he wanted a career in medicine at an early age.

"It (career choice) was when I was in the seventh grade," said the Memphis native who was reared in Oktibbeha County, "and read biographies of famous doctors, including Edward Jenner, who discovered the smallpox vaccination; and Albert Schweitzer, who was a missionary, a physician and a very talented musician...which had an effect on my decision to become a physician."

Dr. Bowen said his military service also helped inspire his career choice.

"I enlisted in the Army during World War II because I was about to be drafted," he recalled. "I went to the draft board, asked to enlist and be assigned as a medic. Captain Cornelius Byrd, of Georgia, was in one of the companies I served and helped influence my decision to enter the medical field."

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Dr. Bowen also credited several individuals who were "major influences" while he was in medical school and later when beginning of his career.

"When I was in med school, Dr. Arthur Guyton, who was a professor of physiology, was a major influence," Dr. Bowen stated. "In spite of his handicaps, he was a wonderful teacher and very brilliant. He actually recommended me for med school (at University Medical Center.)"

Dr. Bowen also credited Dr. William (Billy) Wood, with whom he served on staff at the Carthage hospital. "He assisted and helped me in many things when I was getting started in practice."

Another major influence in Dr. Bowen's career was Dr. James Hendrix, a plastic surgeon. They became acquainted when Dr. Bowen was in med school. "Dr. Hendrix taught me to do sutures...and helped me excel in repairing lacerations."

In response to changes in medicine since beginning his practice, Dr. Bowen noted technology has come a long way with more changes to come.

"When I was in medical school, the medications I studied in pharmacology were very few, but were quite comprehensive at the time," he stated. "There were only three or four medications that I studied in medical school that I would even think about prescribing now. We have new medications and new procedures available all the time. Of course, there are many still in trial, and some will work; some will not."

Dr. Bowen said the advancements in medicine have obviously helped people live longer and healthier lives.

"The study of cardiology and its advancement has helped people live a lot longer now. In the surgical field, transplantation of organs is something that was started after I began practice and is now very common. Bone marrow transplants are also performed quite frequently," he said. "Other diseases are being studied and treated, moreso than what we did when I was in medical school. The study of medicine is never-ending...and is a must for physicians to be successful."

In reflecting on his college days at EC, Dr. Bowen said he has "special memories" of his time on the Decatur campus.

"Being reared on the farm and going to a small school, I enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends...and especially meeting my future wife!" he said. "Dormitory life was lots of fun. I enjoyed the people I got to know. The times we had on campus were very enjoyable."

Dr. Bowen recalled college life as being rather simple.

"Most people going to East Central were not very prosperous," he said. "We were all just about the same class of people. We formed friendships with a lot of other people. I looked at my annual recently, at all the notes and things written by my friends, and I still appreciate all of them," he said. "However, very few of my classmates and alumni are still living. Of course, during pre-med and medical school, friendships were more or less with just my own classmates rather than being with other groups. It (time spent) was more studying and making sure you did the right thing."

When Dr. Bowen is not tending to the needs of his patients, he spends time helping young people and being involved in various community activities. He is also a member of numerous organizations and is the recipient of several professional and community honors.

He was named Mississippi Physician of the Year in 1996 by the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, an organization he served as president in 1993-94. He received the Exemplary Physician Award from the Central Medical Society in 2008, and the Mississippi State Medical Association honored him with a Community Service Award in 2009.

Dr. Bowen, a past president of the Leake County Chamber of Commerce and Carthage Rotary Club, was selected Leake County Man of the Year in 1980 and was chosen Father of the Year by the Carthage United Methodist Church in 1996. He was twice chosen Rotarian of the Year, in 1989 and 2009.

Some of his volunteer work includes providing free physical examinations to high school athletes; assisting students attending Boys' and Girls' State and participants in camp activities; working with Career for A Day Committee by allowing students to who wish to enter the field of medicine to observe activities in the office and hospital; serving as a Medical Preceptor for the University of Mississippi Department of Family Medicine; and serving as the Leake County Advisor for Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental students for the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Bowen is obviously interested in helping young people and offers the following advice for students planning a career in medicine:

"Think of the people you serve," he said. "Have a good beside manner...be able to communicate...take part in community activities...and do things for other people...not just for money or yourself."

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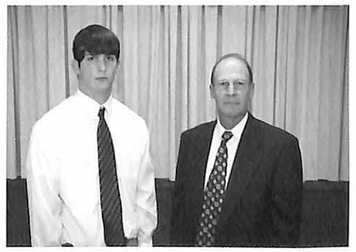

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Donor representative: Richard Ward

***AT&T Endowed Scholarship***
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Donor representative: Corey Amis

***Bank of Forest Scholarship***
Recipient: Kelsi Shelley (left), Sebastopol
Donor representative: Drew Kenna

***Bank of Morton Scholarship***
Recipient: Lindsey Gibbs (left), Morton
Donor representative: Lindsley Keeton

***Clayton Blount Scholarship***
Recipient: Haelie Allen (left), Leake Academy
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***Pleas and Amanda Breazeale Blount***
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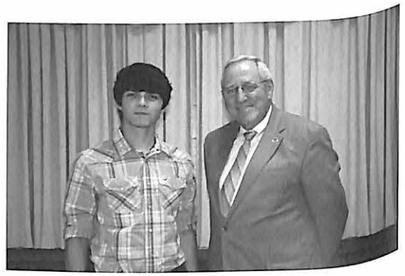

***Board of Trustees Scholarship***
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Donor representative: Jack Winstead

***Austin Boggan Scholarship***
Recipient: Erin Hathorn (left), Louisville
Donor representatives: Iris Boggan and Natalie Boggan May

***Iris Boggan Scholarship***
Recipient: Jamie Truhett (left), Little Rock
Donor representatives: Iris Boggan and Natalie Boggan May

***Ernest Harrison Boswell Memorial***
Recipient:Brock Ward (left), Louisville
Donor representative: Rebecca Boswell

***Ann Burkes Phi Theta Kappa***
Recipient: Kiswana Burnside (left), Lake
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***Landon Bryan Burt Memorial***
Recipient: Meredith McKee (center), Philadelphia
Donor representatives: Bryan and Mary Burt

***Mable Moore Carr Educational***
Recipient: Rosalia Hernandez (left), Forest
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***The Citizens' Bank of Philadelphia***
Recipient: Roxanna Andersen (left), Union
Donor representative: Susan Brown

***W.R. Covington Scholarship***
Recipient: Alyse Webb (left), Noxapater
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***Cox and Associates Insurance***
Recipient: Jacob Frasier (left), Carthage; and Garrett Mascagni (right), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Aubrey Cox

***Nellie Neill Cross Scholarship***
Recipient: Ellen Gibbs (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***Fred and Maudie Dallas Memorial***
Recipient: Brandy Talbert (second from right), Philadelphia;
Donor representatives: (from left) Pauline Chadwell and Maurine Sims, both of Meridian; and Ed Dallas and Myenon Dallas of Alpharetta, GA. Also pictured is Talbert's father, Richie Talbert.

***Aaron R. Davis Memorial***
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Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***Opal McMullan Dickerson Scholarship***
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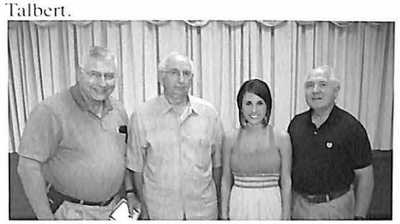
Donor representatives: Lanette Hanna



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Recipient: Lauren Nicholas (third from left), Neshoba Central
Donor representatives: (from left) Dr. Harold Aycock of Greenfield, Calif.; and Jerald Everett and John Boutwell, both of Clinton.

***EC Scholars Scholarship***
Recipient: Rachel Reed, Louisville
Donor representative: Dr. Bob Tom Johnson

***ECCC Warrior Golf Classic***
Recipients: Cameron Jolly (left), Edinburg, and Kimberly Ramsey (right), Carthage
Donor representative: Dr. Bob Tom Johnson

***Entergy Excellence in Education***
Recipient: India Gilbert (left), Lake
Donor representatives: Cheryl Comans

***Leon Eubanks KALJYC Peers***
Recipient: Lindsey Bishop (left), Sebastopol
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna

***R. G. Fick Scholarship***
Recipient: Brandon Boulton (center), Decatur
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna (right); Also pictured is Boulton's mother, Nelda McDonald

***R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship***
Recipient: Benjamin Reiss (left), Forest
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***Harrison Memorial Scholarship***
Recipients: Heather Roebuck (third from left) and Travis Roebuck (fourth from left), both of Newton County
Donor representatives: Ricky Harrison (left) and Keith Ramage (right). Also pictured is the recipients' mother, Ladonna Harrison

***Hogue-Brantley Scholarship***
Recipient: Vickie Collins (center), Noxapater
Donor representative: Larry Hogue (left) of Leakesville and Tommye Hogue Rosenbaum of Walnut Grove

***Hubert D. Gilmore Scholarship***
Recipient: Bobbie Evans (left), Carthage
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna

***Richard L. Harris Scholarship***
Recipient: Courtney Lanier (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Dr. Harold Aycock

***Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood***
Recipient: Emily Franklin (left), Union
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***Albert and Fannie Hollingsworth***
Recipient: Kellie Black (left), Lake
Donor representatives: Lanette Hanna

***Sue Gunter Memorial***
Recipient: Nicole Bounds (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***Nancy Hiett Harris ADN Scholarship***
Recipient: Amanda Howard (left), Louisville
Donor representatives: Nancy and Johnie Harris

***Jeffery G. and Kathy L. Hitt Memorial***
Recipient:Jorie Long (third from left), Neshoba Central
Donor representatives: (from left) Geraldine Dee Hitt and Alethia Hitt Pace, both of Union, and Faye Henley of Decatur.

***Hudspeth Scholarship***
Recipient: Brittany Burton (left), Winston Academy
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***Martha Kate Tullos Hummel Memorial***
Recipient: John Blount (left), Philadelphia
Donor representative: Don Hummel

***Ronnie and Michele Jones Scholarship***
Recipient: Jacob Luke (left), Neshoba Central
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna

***Andrew Wilson Lathem Memorial***
Recipient: Hillary Hobby (left), Noxapater
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna

***Edwin and Marie Lowe Scholarship***
Recipient: Jeremy Pilgrim (left), Edinburg
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna

***Myrtle R. Hutchison Scholarship***
Recipient: Ariel Doggett (left), Edinburg
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***La-Z-Boy Scholarships***
Recipients: Cassie Munn (second from left) and Kirby Keith (third from left), both of Newton County
Donor representatives: Julie Rowzee (left) and Tom Keith.

***Frank and Nena Leatherwood Scholarship***
Recipient: Julie Shepard (left), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***Thomas Rudolph Mayes Scholarship***
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Donor representatives: Jackie Mayes Etie

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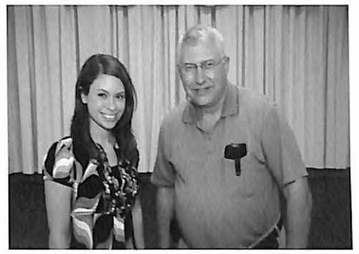

***James E. Land Scholarship***
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Donor representative: Dr. Harold Aycock

***William Wade Long Memorial***
Recipient: Tiffany Benson, Neshoba Central
Donor representative: Rusty Long

***Russell McCann Scholarship***
Recipient: Layna Phillips (second from left), Leake Academy
Donor representatives: Teresa Williamson Shannon and Ricky Shannon. Also pictured is Phillips' father, Destry Phillips.

***Robert J. Moody, Jr. Special Education***
Recipient: Meredith Jones (second from left), Nanih Waiya
Donor representatives: Bobby and Ann Moody
Also pictured is the recipient's mother, Renee Jones (left).

***Dr. Margaret Mosal Memorial***
Recipient: Anna Alexander (left), Little Rock
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna

***MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Leake***
Recipients: (from left) Jenna Purvis, Edinburg; Ashley Moore, Leake Academy; and Lindsey Adams, Carthage
Donor representatives: (from left) Jerry Estes, Winston County; Kevin Cumberland and Keith Lillis, both of Neshoba County; and Jimmy Johnson, Newton County

***MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Neshoba***
Recipients: (seated from left) Meagan Allen, Emily Allen and Britney Boatner, all of Neshoba Central
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***MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Scott***
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***MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Winston***
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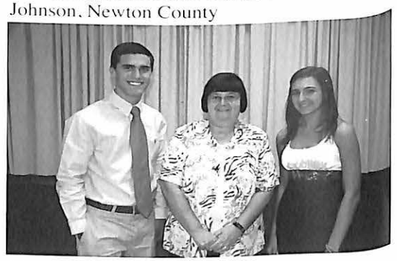

***Ben Myers Memorial***
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Donor representative: Jewell Parkes

***Rev. John Lambert Neill Scholarship***
Recipient: Matthew Griffin (center), Union
Donor representative: Dr. Harold Aycock

***Newton Rotary Club***
Recipient: Cody Addy (left) and Annalyese Thorne (center), both of Newton County
Donor representative: Chris Phillips

***Polk and Jennie Pace Scholarship***
Recipient: Jason Mann (third from left), Newton County
Donor representatives: (from left) Gerald and Reba DeBari of Pensacola, Fla. Also pictured is Mann's father, Larry Mann (right).

***Charles [illegible] and Bonnie S. Philips***
Recipient [illegible]mer Richardson (second from left), Un[illegible]
Donor re[illegible]ntative: Charles and Glenda Malone; [illegible]ictured is the recipient's mother, Terri Ric[illegible]on (left).

***Shirley Renaud Memorial***
Recipient: Wendy McCracken (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Joe Renaud

***Regina Gail Gibbs Rigby Memorial***
Recipient: Haley Hall (left), Forest
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***Sam Rush Memorial***
Recipient: Hunter Stovall (left), Neshoba Central
Donor representative: Brice Richardson

***Elva Smith Sigrest Scholarship***
Recipients: Sami Elkins (center), Forest
Donor representatives: Ann Williams (left) of Columbia and Betty Bustin of Forest

***Willis W. "Bubba" Smith Memorial***
Recipient: Kameron Boulton (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna

***Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith***
Recipient: Justin Cain (left), Louisville
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

***State Farm Scholarship***
Recipient: Sandra Lyons (center), Lucedale
Donor representatives: Bob Douglas (left) of Newton and Sam Nowell (right) of Philadelphia

***Jacob Stovall Memorial***
Recipient: Laquina Willis (left), Philadelphia
Donor representative: Toni and Don Stovall

***Taylor Advanced Welding***
Recipients: Justin Sharp (left), Louisville, and Brandon McFarland (right), Neshoba Central
Donor representative: Rod Shealy

***Taylor Advanced Machining***
Recipient: Shaun Palmer (left), Louisville
Donor representative: Rod Shealy

***Larry B. Therrell Memorial***
Recipient: Garrett Mascagni (left), Leake Academy
Donor representatives: Paula Therrell

*Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas*
Recipient: Channing Kinard (left), Philadelphia
Donor representatives: Judy and Charles Thomas

*Thornton/Emerson Electric Scholarship*
Recipient: Jenny Holyfield (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Ella Mae Thornton

*Thomas W. Thrash Memorial*
Recipients: Jennifer Moore (left), Forest
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna

*U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship*
Recipients: Tate Rogers (left), Louisville
Donor representative: Lanette Hanna

*James M. Vance Scholarship*
Recipients: Katie Reeves (left), Decatur
Donor representatives: Patsy and James Vance

*Ovid and Carol Vickers Scholarship*
Recipients: Carlee Snow (center), Neshoba Central
Donor representatives: Carol and Ovid Vickers

*Arno and Ruth Vincent Scholarship*
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*Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial*
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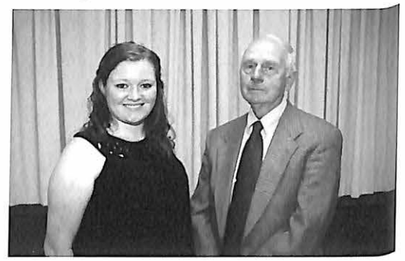


*The Weems Family Scholarship*
Recipients: Jamie Truhett (left) Newton County
Donor representative: Dr. Lamar Weems

*Bob Wilkerson Memorial Vo-Tech*
Recipient: Colton Gibbs (center), Forest
Donor representative: Robert and Patsy Wilkerson

*Williamson-Chisolm Scholarship*
Recipient: Kyle Dunkerson (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Romonica Evans

*Lucille Wood Scholarship*
Recipient: Abbie Joiner (left), Philadelphia
Donor representatives: Lucille Wood



# ECCC Warrior Golf Classic Nets $5,800 for Scholarships

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT**

**Cox and Associates Insurance (52)**-Aubry Cox, Jimmy Bell and Larry Waggoner, all of Carthage; and Bob Jordan of Kosciusko

**The Coley Chambliss Team (56)**- Coley Chambliss, Hal Nowell and Robert Tranum, all of Louisville, and Bo Welch of Union.

**The Howard Industries (56)**- Rusty Thoms of Madison, Mark Powell of Pearl, Jake Hill of Louisville and J.D. Robinson of Raymond

**Newton County Bank team (57)**- Joel Nelson and Ted Whittle, both of Newton; David Burt of Hickory and Allen Massingill of Meridian

**Van Chancellor and Crowson Auto World Team (57)**-Heze Chancellor and Reid Ivester, both of Louisville, and Gayden Bell and Brandon Federick, both of Carthage

**FIRST FLIGHT**

**The First Financial Bank Team (58)**- Billy Mack Stuart, Brad Ogletree, Terry Thomas and John Gregory, all of Carthage

**Glynn Griffing and Associates (58)**-Glynn Griffin and Brent Walker, both of Jackson, Dr. Milton Walker of Brandon and Haywood Reeves of Forest

**The Chet Hailey Team (58)**- Chet Hailey of Philadelphia, Ken Hisaw of Louisville, and Jeff Jones and Jay Bradley, both of Starkville

**SIVAD, Inc./ECCC Workforce Team (60)**-Chris Clark and Ronnie Westbrook, both of Decatur; and Roger Whitlock and Joseph Knight, both of Union

**The Robert Thomas Team (60)**-Robert Thomas and Jerry Brantley, both of Philadelphia; Derrell Thomas of Mobile, Ala., and Bill Lundy of Conway, Ark.

**Community Bank (61)**-Steve Gibson, Randy Gibson, Dave Gibson and Vance Cox, all of Forest

**The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia (61)**-Ken Jones, James Jones, Rusty Barnett and Randy McElhenney, all of Decatur

**Applied GEO Technologies, Inc. (62)**-Grant Ben, Bobby Tubby and Jason Grisham, all of Philadelphia; and James Robinson of Choctaw

**SECOND FLIGHT**

**Main Street Junction II (63)**-Neil Pettigrew of Philadelphia and Michael Graham, Joey Walters and Brad Breland, all of Union

**Bullock Toyota Team (63)**-Terry Bullock of Louisville, Scotty Stephens of Meridian, Mickey Fowler of Kosciusko and Eric Parker of Starkville

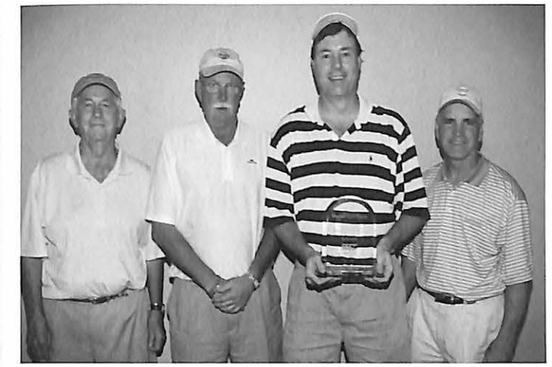
**Drs. John and Betsy Mann Team (65)**-John and Betsy Mann and Dale Joyner, all of Philadelphia and Allen Parkes of Union

**Tyson Foods of Forest (67)**-Hal Patterson and Eddie McDill, both of Forest; Stan Varner of Magee and Ray Ables of Brandon

**Clinton Mills Team (67)**-Clinton Mills, Carol Mills, Brock Weems and Carolyn Weems, all of Louisville

**La-Z-Boy South (71)**-Tom Keith and Don Mather, both of Decatur; Danny Simoneau of Louin and Ronnie Poythress of Meridian

**Valley Services, Inc. (74)**-Tau Iosia of Meridian, Cassie Stribling of Clinton, Carl Wolfe of Pelahatchie and Marty Puckett of Brandon



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Several area students will receive financial assistance to attend East Central Community College in Decatur following another successful Warrior Golf Classic.

This year's event, held June 3 at Louisville Country Club, netted $5,800 in scholarship funds for entering freshmen residing in ECCC's five-county district, according to tournament coordinator Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

Dr. Hollingsworth said 20 teams participated in the four-person scramble, sponsored since 2002 by the ECCC Alumni Association.

"The 2010 Warrior Golf Classic was another great event for our Alumni Association," said Dr. Hollingsworth. "We are so appreciative to all participants, corporate and hole sponsors, volunteers and staff at Louisville Country Club for another successful tournament."

Dr. Hollingsworth said approximately $33,000 in scholarship monies have been awarded since the tournament's inception. Scholarships are presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held each summer on the Decatur campus.

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For information on the 2011 ECCC Warrior Golf Classic, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, 601-635-6372 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 372. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

# *WARRIOR GOLF CLASSIC SPONSORS*

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***Championship Flight, Runners-Up***-The Coley Chambliss Team finished runners-up in the Championship Flight. From left are Coley Chambliss, Hal Nowell and Robert Tranum, all of Louisville, and Bo Welch of Union.

***Championship Flight, Third-Place Winners***-The Howard Industries team finished third in the championship flight. From left are Rusty Thoms of Madison, Mark Power of Pearl and J. D. Robinson of Raymond. Not pictured is Jake Hill of Louisville

***First Flight Winners***-The First Financial Bank team captured first flight honors. From left are Billy Mack Stuart, John Gregory, Brad Ogletree and Terry Thomas, all of Carthage.

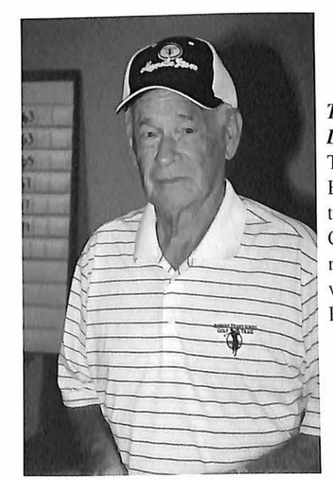
***First Flight Runners-Up***-The Glynn Griffing and Associates team finished first flight runners-up. From left are Haywood Reeves of Forest, Dr. Milton Walker of Brandon, Glynn Griffing of Jackson and Brent Walker of Jackson.

***Second Flight Runners-Up***-The Bullock Toyota Team finished second flight runners-up. From left are Mickey Fowler of Kosciusko, Scotty Stephens of Meridian and Eric Parker of Starkville. Not pictured is Terry Bullock of Louisville.

***First Flight, Third Place***-The Chet Hailey team placed third in the first flight. From left are Ken Hisaw of Louisville and Chet Hailey of Philadelphia. Not pictured are Jeff Jones and Jay Bradley, both of Starkville.

***Second Flight, Third Place***-The Drs. John and Betsy Mann team placed third in the second flight. From left are Allen Parks of Union, and Dale Joiner, Drs. Betsy and John Mann, all of Philadelphia.

***Second Flight Winners***- The Main Street Junction II team claimed second flight honors. From left are Michael Graham, Brad Breland and Joey Walters, all of Union. Not pictured is Neil Pettigrew of Philadelphia.



***Thomas Wins 'Classic' Drive Competition***-Derrell Thomas of Mobile won the Birdies for Charity- Drive the annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic. Thomas was a member of the Robert Thomas team.

## *Hailey Wins 'Classic' La-Z-Boy*

Chet Hailey of Philadelphia relaxes in his new La-Z-Boy recliner presented at the ninth annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic held June 3 at Louisville Country Club. Hailey's name was selected from the 80 participants in the four-person scramble, sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association as a fundraiser for student scholarships. This year's Warrior Classic netted $5,800 in scholarship funds designated for students residing in the ECCC support district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

# East Central Scholars Selected for Physician Pipeline Program

East Central Community College alumni Jordan Gunn, Melissa Ellis and Tyler Hansford have been chosen to participate in the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship undergraduate Program (MRPSP).

Jordan Gunn, 2008 valedictorian of Lake High, is a graduate of East Central Community College where he was named to the Hall of Fame, was president of the Concert Choir and the Residence Hall Advisors, selected ECCC Sophomore Favorite, HEADWAE Student of the Year and was the recipient of the Richard Fisher Organic Chemistry Award. He is a junior at Mississippi College this fall. He is the son of David and Elizabeth Gunn of Forest.

A junior at Mississippi State University, Melissa Ellis received the Phi Theta Kappa scholarship and was named to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students. She is the daughter of Barry and Mary Ellis of Walnut Grove.

An honors graduate of ECCC, Tyler Hansford is a senior Lucille Thomas Memorial Scholar at Mississippi State University. In 2007 Tyler received the Community Service Award from the Union Chamber of Commerce. He was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" at Union High School. He is the son of Steve and Suzanne Hansford of Union. Once his medical training is completed, Tyler plans to return to Union to practice family medicine.

MRPSP is an innovative, longitudinal physician pipeline program that identifies rural college sophomores who aspire to return to their roots to practice primary care medicine. Created by the Legislature in 2007, the program is structured to groom them into competent, competitive medical students. Each year fifteen undergraduates are selected to receive rural physician mentoring, academic enrichment on rural health topics, free MCAT preparation valued at $2,000 and consideration for Direct Admissions to medical school where they may receive a $30,000 per year scholarship.

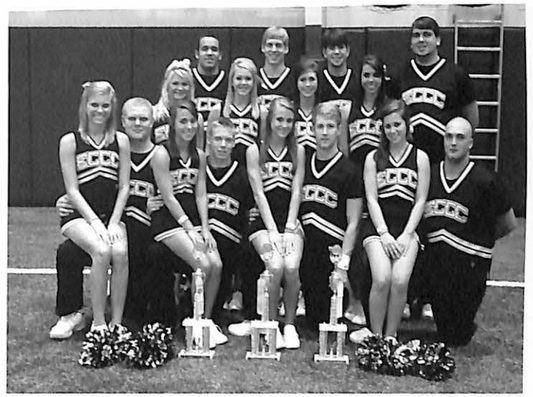
"MRPSP will 'grow our own' primary care physicians by targeting students with rural roots. They are the ones most likely to return to a small town to practice medicine" MRPSP Executive Director Janie Guice states. Currently there are 30 MRPSP scholarship recipients immersed in their medical training. For more information, see http://mrpsp.umc.edu.

*Jordan Gunn, Melissa Ellis and Tyler Hansford.*



# *Award-Winning ECCC Cheerleaders*

East Central Community College's cheerleading squad received various honors while participating in the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) College Cheer Camp held recently at the University of Alabama. The Warrior cheerleaders, who competed in the Junior College Division with other community/junior college teams from several states, placed second in fight song, third in sideline and fourth in the cheer competition. Team members and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Katie Reeves, Leigh Pigg and Whitney Myers, all of Newton County; Jacob Johnson, Nanih Waiya; Hailey Dunavant, Newton County; Drew Smith, Louisville; Whitney Stokes, Neshoba Central; and Dayton Johnson, Nanih Waiya; and (back row, from left) Ashley Amis, Newton County; Will Emmons, Lake; Ashlee Lee, Scott Central; Ritchie Ferguson, Newton County; Ashli Bell, Scott Central; Jessica Holloway, Newton County; Madison Nowell, Winston Academy; and Dustin Stewart, Louisville. Shelley Thoms serves as cheer coach. (Submitted photo)



# *Students Receive National SkillsUSA Honors*

Representing East Central Community College in Decatur at the National SkillsUSA Championship were the above students who received various honors in their respective areas of competition. From left are Eddie Fondren of Union, who placed 19th in Technical Drafting; Richard Adams, 21st, Commercial Baking and Lindsey Bozeman, fifth, CNC Turning, both of Philadelphia; and Hannah Watkins of Sebastopol, eighth, Architectural Drafting. Instructors are Polly Mayes and Ricky Harrison (technical and architectural drafting), Danny Gressett (machine shop) and Alexei Huguley (culinary arts). The national contest was held June 21-25 in Kansas City, Missouri. The ECCC students qualified for the prestigious event by winning first-place honors at the state level. Students in all 50 states, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico participate in the National SkillsUSA Championship. (Submitted photo)

# Renew Your Alumni Association Membership

It's time once again to renew your commitment to the East Central Community College Alumni Association. Thanks to past support by loyal alumni and friends, the Association was able to fund three full-tuition scholarships for deserving EC students.

Your annual Alumni Association contributions help to continue the growth of the Association and to benefit the next generation of alumni. Membership dues run on a fiscal year basis (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010). Annual dues are $10 single and $15 joint, or you may pay your lifetime membership dues, $100 single lifetime or $150 joint lifetime. If you are already a lifetime member, please consider making a general donation to the Alumni Association.

Checks should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association and mailed to P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

# Honored at National PBL Contest

Displaying awards received at the 2010 Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference are the above students representing Theta Chi Chapter at East Central Community College in Decatur. Of the 13 ECCC students who competed, 11 placed in the top 10 in the annual competition held July 9-13 in Nashville. Theta Chi received the most awards of any Mississippi chapter and was also recognized as a Gold Seal Chapter at the Southern Regional meeting. Award winners included (front row, from left) Anna Alexander of Little Rock, fourth place, Parliamentary Procedure and sixth, Public Speaking; and Emily Malone of Carthage, third, Business Presentation; (second row, from left) Brittany Morrison of Newton, tenth, Free Enterprise; Abby McMillin of Newton, fourth, Parliamentary Procedure and sixth, Small Business Management Plan; and Kim Amerson of Newton, third, Business Presentation; (third row, from left) Ryan Gillis of Newton, fourth, Parliamentary Procedure; Casey Shoemaker of Decatur, third, Business Presentation; and Jason Hancock of Decatur, sixth, Small Business Plan; and (back row, from left) Bryan Wiseman of Newton, seventh, Telecommunications; Matt Griffin of Union, sixth, Small Business Management Plan; and Chance Hall of Forest, fourth, Parliamentary Procedures. *(Submitted photo)*

# Former Warrior Tabb Signs With New York Mets

Donnie Tabb is officially a professional baseball player.

Tabb, a freshman standout this past season at East Central Community College in Decatur, recently signed a contract with the New York Mets and has reported to the organization's Class A squad in St. Lucie, Fla., announced Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

The Neshoba Central High School product was selected in the 43rd round of the Major League Baseball Draft in June. He was the 1,292nd pick overall.

Tabb, who played six different positions for East Central's 39-20 squad in 2010, was praised by Coach Holliman for not only his skills as an athlete but for the type person he is on and off the field.

"He's been a great player for us," said Holliman, whose Diamond Warriors finished state tournament runners-up and finished third in the Region 23 Tournament." He played anywhere – from left, center or right field to shortstop, second base and pitcher. He was so versatile and allowed us to do so many things in the lineup because of that versatility. Mainly he played centerfield."

*Donnie Tabb*

Tabb, a second-team MACJC All-State selection, posted a .345 batting average in 2010 with three home runs, two triples and 16 doubles. He also collected 49 RBIs and scored 59 runs.

Tabb believes he will succeed as a major league player and plans to use the same work ethic that got him to this point in his career.

"I think I'm going to do fine," he was quoted in The Meridian Star. "I'm going to be devoted and work hard."



# Scott Hill: From the Softball Field to the Mission Field

While East Central Community College head softball coach Scott Hill spends most of his days on the softball diamond, this summer he ventured into another field: The Mission Field.

Hill, along with 20 other individuals from the area participated in a mission trip to Peru June 1-11.

"This was a medical mission trip," he said. "We were very fortunate to have had several members of the team that work in the medical field. Those of us that were not necessarily gifted in helping medically were able to counsel with patients after treatment was provided. We also held Vacation Bible Schools for the kids and participated in worship services at night."

Hill learned about this particular mission trip from a former player.

"Loren Kennedy Robinson, a former Lady Warrior softball player from Union, got me interested in this trip," Hill said. "I have felt the call for some time to get out of my comfort zone and join a mission team. I was unable to go a few years ago when a team from my church (Decatur United Methodist Church) went to Cost Rica. I could see just what that mission trip meant to them. When Loren approached me about the possibility of being able to join this team it just seemed like the right thing to do."

The best part of the trip Hill said was "meeting the wonderful people of Peru."

"We encountered many people that shared the Christian faith as we do and it was so refreshing to see the sincerity with which they worshipped. We did encounter those who were not of the same Christian faith, but what an amazing sight it was to see many of them accept Christ during this trip. Most everyone we came in contact with in Peru was so nice and appreciated our presence."

The mission team had to raise funds to make the trip and, although Hill said it was certainly a big task, it wasn't the greatest challenge.

"There was also the issue of many of the team members, including myself, not being able to speak Spanish. I am so thankful we were provided with good interpreter!" he said.

Hill was also separated from his family for the duration of the trip.

"My family didn't make the trip. That was definitely one of the toughest things I had to deal with personally. It was difficult being away from them for ten days.

*Scott Hill leads worship services during a mission trip to Peru this summer.*

"One of the first things I told Melisa, my wife, once I returned was how I would truly like for my entire family to go and serve. As soon as I think my two boys are old enough we will definitely try to make that a reality," he added.

Would he encourage others to participate in similar trips?

"I would encourage everyone to consider taking part in a mission trip," he said. "It could be to Peru or any other country or even right here in our own backyards. We can all take part in missions, foreign or locally.

"However, I would tell them to make sure they have given it a lot of thought and are fully committed to the mission. It certainly can be just as rewarding to the mission team members as those that they are attempting to help."

What's the most important thing he brought from the trip?

"I learned that I am truly blessed. I take so many things for granted. We have so many opportunities here that so many people in Peru would love to have. I will never forget the positive attitudes of people that have far less than I."

## New E-Mail Addresses Needed for All Alumni and Friends

*If you are an alumni or friend of the college and would like to receive e-mail announcements and newsletters from the Alumni Association, please send your name, class year, and e-mail address to sholling@eccc.edu.*

# Alumni Weddings

Ashley Dru Anderson to Jess Randall Dilley
Amanda LaShea Bailey to Taylor Zane Parker
Kerri Lynne Bailey to James Bradley Morrison
Savannah Rae Barksdale to Henry Paul Mulligan
Lacey Marie Brewer to Nathan Rhudon Commer
Brandi Rachel Brown to Justin Andrew Chancellor
Carol Marie Brown to William M. Mars II
Heather Dawn Cheesman to Dusty Warner
Shanna Leigh Culpepper to Scott William Vance
Sarah Allison Eakes to Joseph Kyle Barrett
Candace Sierra Eiland to Chandler LaRoss Smith
Bonnie Evans to Jacob Hedgepeth
Bethany Gatewood to Jonathan Scott Sigrest
Jamie Dianne Gilmer to John Allen Boyd
Tara Rose Gilmer to Brantley James Ingram
Emily Louise Haadsma to Kurt Lindsley Nelson
Ninni Quynette Haynes to Kendrick Harbrough
Kristina Nicole Holmes to Ethan Wade Lewis
Seana Mechelle Jayroe to Joshua Darrell Benson
Jessica Ann Keith to Austin Mims Bailey
Jennifer Lynn Ladd to Brandon Lee White
Brittany Lane Lovern to Ryan Justin King
Allison Brooke McDaniel to Justin Lee Blackburn
Mary Abby Miller to Timothy Lee Blackburn
Karley Joanna Mitchell to Charles Ellis Allen
Britany Lauren Mixon to Matthew Ryan Williams
Jennifer Elizabeth Moore to Richard Wayne Pope
Mylinda Carol Murray to Joshua Glenn Commer
Laura Grace Olsen to Jason Brian Guraedy
Anna Beth Papalambros to Stephen Michael Huntley
Paige Papalamobros to George Anderson
Dameshia Dawn Reese to Earthy Andrae Donald
Kyla Denise Reece to Joshua Sterling McCullough
Carrie Elizabeth Shrock to David Wesley Haggard
Pamela Cassandra Spivey to Isaac Smith, Jr.
Ashley Nicole Thomas to Christopher Gordon Davis
Jessica Nicole Tullos to Cody Edward Moorow
Megan Elise Webb to Kevin Robert Hatch
Jessica Lauren Windham to Justin Dwayne Reynolds
Brooklyn Nicole Winstead to Jody Ray Addy

## *Vickers Reaches Milestone!*

Ovid Vickers was honored with an 80th birthday celebration held Sunday, July 25, 2010, at the Neshoba County Fair. The family cabin, "Obe's Acres," served as party headquarters for the more than 100 who attended the birthday reception. Vickers, a retired ECCC English instructor with more than 40 years of service, is originally from southern Georgia. "I was only going to stay for a year," he said. "I fell in love in Mississippi immediately." Vickers and his wife Carol (shown above) have three grown children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

# Alumni News

**Beth Alexander (Class of 2008)** graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi Honors College, Magna Cum Laude, with a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism in May of 2010. Prior to her graduation, she was honored as the WUSM Student of the Year, received two, first place Associated Press Student Awards, and won the Best Use of Statistical Methods for her honors thesis in the USM Undergraduate Research Conference. Beth is now employed with the CBS affiliate, WHLT Channel 22, in Hattiesburg, MS as a news anchor/reporter/digital journalist.

**Army Pfc. Aaron L. Brown (Class of 2003)** has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. He is the son of Joe Brown of Forest and is a graduate of Scott Central High School.

**Irvin (Class of 1954) and Lourenda Callahan** of Tallahassee, FL celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30, 2010.

**Kendrick Clancy (Class of 1998)** was resigned by the Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints prior to the 2010 campaign. The veteran defensive tackle has spent the past three seasons with the Saints but missed most of the 2009 season due to an injury. Clancy, 32, was a defensive standout on the 1996 and 1997 Warriors squads. He helped lead the 1996 team to a 10-1 record, which included a 7-6 victory over Middle Georgia in the Huddle House Golden Isles Bowl Classic in Brunswick, Ga. The 1996 Warriors finished fifth in teh final NJCAA poll. The 1997 team finished 7-3. Willie Coats was head coach of both squads. Clancy received honorable mention All-American, All-Region 23 and All-State honors at EC and continued his athletic career at the University of Mississippi, where he was a third-team All-American selection. The Holt, Ala., native was originally a third-round pick in the 2000 NFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers and later signed with the New York Giants and Arizona Cardinals before joining the Saints.

**Gene Cliburn** was selected administrator of the year for the Union Public School District for the 2009-2010 school year. During his two years as Union Elementary Principal, Cliburn has installed interactive technology in each classroom, redesigned the elementary schedule to include a tutorial and enrichment period and implemented a number of positive behavior reinforcement programs.

**Cassidy Crenshaw**, a Philadelphia native, recently released his first album, "After All These Years," a mixture of Christian, pop and praise music. Crenshaw serves as youth minister at Hickory Baptist Church and student minister at East Central Community College Baptist Student Union.

**Cynthia (Class of 1971) and Larry Doogan** of Donalsonvill, GA were blessed with twin grandbabies this year. Aiden and Mia were born January 22, 2010. Cynthia was also promoted to Director of Human Resources for the Southwest Georgia Oil companies. Cynthia and Larry's youngest son, Nate, will soon be receiving his Doctorate in Social Work from the Ohio State University.

**Deborah Duncan** was recently selected STAR Teacher at Neshoba Central High School. Duncan teaches Chemistry I and II and Physics AP. She has received the honor seven times and has been previously selected Chemistry Teacher of the Year for Mississippi, MSTA Outstanding Teacher and MSTA Distinguished Science Teacher.

**Patricia Lovorn Eaves (Class of 1961)** of Canton, MS married John Arthur Eaves, Sr. in 1963. They have three children—John A. Eaves, Jr., Democratic nominee for Governor; Paige L. Eaves; and Tiffany Eaves Schlesinger. They also have seven grandchildren.

**Jaclyn Evans (Class of 2003)** is currently a third year pharmacy student at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. She serves as class historian and fundraising chairman and is a member of APhA-ASP, CPF, NCPA, SSHP, APA, and AMCP. She has placed as a "Top 10 Finalist" for the past two years in the school-wide division of the APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition and was recently selected as the recipient of the Katherine Victoria Vance Memorial Pharmacy School Scholarship. She currently holds a B.S. degree and a M.S. degree, both in the field of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, from Mississippi State University (Starkville branch). She will earn her Doctorate of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree in May 2012. She is the daughter of Jeff and Rhonda Evans of Bay Springs, MS.

**Mandy Feasel** was selected STAR Teacher at Union High School for the 2009-10 term. She teaches AP English and has been selected for this award five times. In addition, she was named Union Public School District's Teacher of the Year for 2009 and was 2009 Congressional District Three Teacher of the Year. She was selected runner-up for Mississippi's Teacher of the Year in 2009.

**Robert Ford (Class of 2000)** joins WBR Investment Services, LLC / LPL Financial. WBR Investment Services LLC is please to announce that Robert Ford has joined the firm as a Financial Consultant. Robert has been in the investment industry for 10 years and has recently been Trust Officer and Trust Branch/City Manager at Trustmark National Bank. Robert is involved in several community activities, which include being a member of The Meridian Rotary Club. He is also Board Member, Chairman of Public Relations, and Tournament Director for the Adams Golf Pro Tour Series "The First Tee of Meridian Tour Championship." Robert

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also, serves as Chairman of the Youth Committee and Chairman of the Benevolence Committee for Ebenezer Baptist Church in Lawrence, MS.

**Russell Giambrone (Class of 2004)** of Crestview, FL welcomes a grandson, Connell Grogan, born February 19, 2010. His daughter, Samantha Giambrone (Class of 2007), former ECCC student and softball and soccer player, married Andrew Akers on June 26, 2010.

**Steve (Class of 1987) and Nancy Bagwell Hardy (Class of 1989)** celebrated 15 years of marriage on July 1, 2010.

**Norman (Class of 1947) and Miriam Harris (Class of 1947)** of Madison, MS welcome their new great grandson, Owen Harris Wingert, born February 10, 2010.

**Brandi Duncan Herrington** of Starkville was selected an Outstanding Teacher Intern for her performance in her Teaching Internship during the spring 2010 semester at Mississippi State University. Herrington is a native of Philadelphia and is the daughter of Jim and Deborah Duncan and the great-niece of ECCC instructor Lucille Wood.

**Larry Hogue (Class of 1961)** of Leakesville, MS currently serves as president of the Greene County Rotary Club. The club will focus on "Go Greene" program to promote economic development of Greene County. Mr. Hogue is also active in Kairos Prison Ministry at South Mississippi Correctional Facility.

**Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth (Class of 1993)** was awarded a doctoral degree in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University on May 1, 2010. She serves as Executive Director of Foundation and Alumni Relations at East Central Community College.

**Ray Humpreys**, president and chief executive officer of Anderson Region Medical Center, was appointed chairman of the 2010-11 Mississippi Hospital Association Board of Governors.

**Derrick (Class of 2000) and Sarah Jones (Class of 2001)** announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Elizabeth. She weighed 7 lbs 15 oz. and was born May 18, 2010.

**Richard Latham (Class of 1976)** of Lena, MS is a VP with the Citizens Bank of Philadelphia at their Forest Branch. Julie Latham (Class of 1977) has been teaching and coaching at Morton Middle School for 31 years.

**Jackie B. Long** was recently named Vice President, Loans at Bank of Morton. He is a native of Philadelphia.

**Pete A. Lucovich (Class of 1973)** of Carthage recently retired after 33 years as teacher/coach/Athletic Director at Carthage High School. Head Football coach 28 years lifetime record 165 wins – 125 losses at Carthage High School. Coached in three All-Star Games.

Jordan, daughter of **Jack '70 and Janis McMichael '72** of Philadelphia, graduated from EC on May 15. She was on the President's List and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Her parents are so proud of her.

**Kimberly and John Mott (Class of 1985)** announce the birth of their daughter, Jesslyn Kristine Mott, on August 10, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz., and was twenty-two and a half inches long.

**Charles (Class of 1952) and Sarah Anne "Susie" Parks** of Hickory, NC celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on July 4, 2010.

**Jay Pippin** was featured in a recent issue of The Union Appeal for his work as a drummer for up-and-coming country music star Randy Houser of Lake.

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## *Lucas Honored at Retirement*

Longtime banker Van Lucas (fifth from left) of Newton is shown with family members during his retirement reception at Newton County Bank. Lucas, a 1963 ECCC graduate, served 42 years at the bank prior to his retirement in May 2010. Family members present for the special occasion included (from left) Leigh Lucas Gilliland (daughter), Ben Gilliland (grandson); Dr. Al Lucas (son); Laurian Gilliland and Jonathan Lucas (grandchildren); Kay Lucas (wife), Olivia Lucas (granddaughter), Anne Lucas (Jon's wife) and Dr. Jon Lucas (son). The immediate family also includes Christina Lucas (Al's wife), Chad Gilliland (Leigh's husband), and the Gilliland's son, Charlie Gilliland. Leigh and Al's families reside in Memphis and Jon and his family live in Nashville. Van, who was also honored for his many years of community service, is a member of the ECCC Board of Trustees. (Photo courtesy Kathy Stephens Photography)





**Kenneth and Pat Posey** of Philadelphia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 26, 2010.

**Luther Riley** participated in the All-Taiwan basketball camp in Taipei, Taiwan this summer. Riley, who has spent the past 11 seasons building one of the state's most successful programs at Provine High School, spent the first two days working with the Taiwanese coaches, then the rest of the camp was spent instructing the players.

**Kenneth Stidham (Class of 1964)** of West Chester, OH retired from General Electric Company Aviation Group in Cincinnati, OH on May 1, 2009. Boating, fishing, and water sports are his past time now. He says hello to all those Mississippi boys and girls from the Kid from Ohio!

**Bob Strebeck** was appointed by the Mississippi Department of Education State Board to serve as conservator for the Sunflower County School District. Having previously served as conservator for other Mississippi school districts, Strebeck will periodically report to the State Board of Education on the progress or lack of progress made to improve the district's impairments during the state of emergency declared by the Governor's office.

**Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Tartt (Class of 1973)** and Steve Tartt's daughter, Sarah, had a baby boy on June 16, 2010—born and lives in Atlanta, GA. The baby's name is Harrison Andrew Hautt.

**Barbara N. Thaggard (Class of 1951)** of Dixon, MS announces the birth of a great grandson, Zack Lawson Price, son of Billy and Tracy Price of Forest.

**Major leaguer Marcus Thames' (Class of 1997)** returned to the New York Yankees for the 2010 season began in dramatic fashion similar to his first outing as a Bronx Bomber. Thames blasted a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to help lift the Yankees to an 11-9 victory over their rival Boston Red Sox on May 17. Thames had several game-winning hits or home runs this season including his most recent heroics (as of this writing)-a two-run, seventh-inning homer to defeat the Toronto Blue Jayes on Sept. 4. Thames, as of Sept. 7, sported a .302 batting average with 11 home runs. Thames began his professional career as a Yankee on June 10, 2002, when he sent the first pitch from Cy Young award winner Randy Johnson of Arizona over the wall in Yankee Stadium! After one season with the Yankees, Thames was traded to Texas for the 2003 campaign and joined the Detroit Tiger organization in 2004, where he remained through 2009. Thames, a Louisville native, was originally drafted by the Yankees in 1996 following his freshman year at East Central. He decided instead to continue his career as a Diamond Warrior for then head coach Jamie Clark, earning All-Region 23 and All-State honors in 1997. Thames posted a .420 batting average in 1997, which still stands as the highest recorded average for an EC player. He also set a single season mark for home runs (13) and RBIs (70). Jersey numbers worn by Thames and the late Coach Clark have since been retired.

**Reginald Thames (Class of 1945)** of Decatur was recently honored by a group of Eagle Scouts from Troop 46 with the establishment of a scholarship in his honor. The scholarship will help Boy Scouts attend summer camp at Camp Binachi.

**Dow (Class of 1996) and Shelley C. Thomas** of Louisville, MS celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary on June 21, 2010.

**Melvin Tingle (Class of 1961)** of Decatur recently was recognized by the Mississippi Wildlife Federation as the 2009 MWF Conservation Communicator of the Year. This prestigious award was presented at the Mississippi Wildlife Federation 50th Anniversary Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

**Danny Whittington** recently retired after 30 years as an Education Services Specialist for the United States Department of Defense.

# Classes of 1957, 58, 59 & 60 Plan Friday Night Dinner During Homecoming Weekend

The East Central Community College classes of 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960 will begin Homecoming activities at 7 p.m on Friday, October 1,. when they hold a dinner-reunion for all four classes in the Gold Room of the Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Tickets are $15 per person.

Those planning to attend the dinner should contact Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations at 601-635-6327.

# ECCC Alumni Gather at Neshoba County Fair!

Members of the East Central Community College Classes of 1988, 1989 and 1990 held a first-time reunion at the 2010 Neshoba County Fair.

Bill Freeman and Matt Alford, both of Forest and members of the 1989 class, served as hosts for the Saturday, July 24 event, held at a cabin owned by Bill and Paula Freeman.

Attendees included members of all three classes as well as their families in addition to current and former ECCC faculty and staff.

"We were very pleased at the turn out," said Bill Freeman. "The Fair is a great place for this type of event."

Freeman said the 2010 reunion was not a one-time activity.

"We hope to do this every year, and with the College's help, we'll get the word out to more people and increase attendance," said Freeman.

Added Alford, who was student body association president in 1988-89, "It is always great to see classmates from our East Central days, and it's really special to meet their families."

Class members who attended the reunion were Gina Buntyn Riley of Brookhaven, Pam Green Hampton of Quitman, Tanya Henry Thomas of Carthage, Steve and Nancy Bagwell Hardy of Clinton, Amy Pouncey Lewis of Wesson, Alisia McMillan of Enterprise, John Mark Williams of Mendenhall, Michelle Evans Breland of Decatur, and Tracey Edwards Verry and Cully Hudspeth, both of Louisville.

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, and retired faculty member Alice Pouncey were also in attendance.

Alford said plans are under way to contact members of the 1988, 1989 and 1990 classes so they can make plans to attend the 2011 reunion, also scheduled during the Neshoba County Fair.

Class members interested in attending the reunion should contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, 601-635-6327 or e-mail sholling@eccc.edu.

*Dr. Sutphin and reunion hosts, Matt (left) and Bill, reminisce about their EC days and involvement in student government. Dr. Sutphin was dean of students when Matt and Bill attended EC. Both were involved in various campus organizations, including the Warrior Corps. Alford also served as student body association president. Matt and Bill currently serve as Scott County representatives on the ECCC Alumni Association.*

*Steve and Nancy visit with Alice Pouncey, retired ECCC faculty member.*

*Gina (left) and Pam pose for a photo.*

*Tanya listens to Bill talk about the good ole days at EC!*

*Scott and Bill share yet another funny moment!*

*Cully was a late but welcomed arrival!*

*Alicia and Michelle still have that pageant smile!*



# Thirteen Steps and the GI Bill

*By Ovid Vickers*

There is a concrete stairway on the East Central Community College campus that is seldom used. Unless someone knows the story of why the steps are there and why they were built, their original purpose is lost in time.

The steps find their origin in the days that follow the end of World War II and the enactment of a bill officially titled "The Servicemen's Readjustment Act." On June 22, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law what has become known as "The GI Bill of Rights." The bill provided an education and other benefits to all returning veterans.

By the end of 1945, World War II had ended, the GI Bill had been enacted into law, and colleges and universities throughout the United States were experiencing a great influx of students. Many of these students were returning servicemen and women who were taking advantage of the GI Bill.

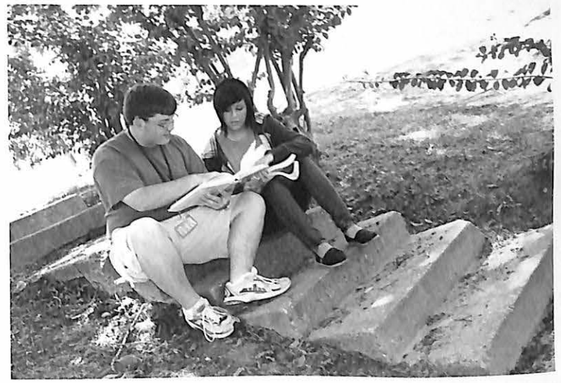
By September of 1956, Dr. L. O. Todd, then president of East Central Junior College, realized that even though he had three student apartment buildings under construction, living space on the East Central campus was limited. One of these buildings, constructed of materials salvaged from surplus navy barracks, exists today and was recently renovated during the presidency of Dr. Eddie M. Smith.

To provide additional housing for the families of returning veterans, Dr. Todd arranged for the college to secure 18 hours trailers which were placed on the campus directly behind the present Fine Arts Building. These trailers were an earlier version of the trailers recently provided for families who lost their homes in Katrina.

At that time, the section of the campus where the trailers were located was overgrown and had to be cleared. There is also a decided slope in the terrain from a lower level to a higher one. Not only did electric lines have to be strung, but sewers also had to be installed. Cement walkways were poured, and concrete steps were built from the lower to the upper level of the terrain. These steps are all that remain today of the trailer village built to accommodate members of the military who began their college educations at East Central.

*The College's "Trailer Town," as shown in the 1947 Wo-He-Lo yearbook.*

Today this section of the campus is occupied by two campus houses and the Fine Arts Building. The steps are also there, a reminder that over 50 years ago these steps led to an education provided by a grateful nation to those who had returned from World War II.



*Tyler Yates of Decatur and Audrey Cannon of Flowood take a study break on these concrete steps, which are all that remain from the area known as "Trailer Town."*

The great increase in enrollment brought about many changes in the college curriculum and college policies. Additional faculty had to be employed, and for the first time classes were also taught at night. The number of commuting students increased, and the college set aside a room, known as the "commuter room," where students who commuted could keep their books in lockers and relax between classes.

Because husbands and wives were, in some cases, attending class together, the rule which stated that students could not hold hands on campus was no longer enforced. The rule against smoking on campus was abolished because men who had fought in Europe or the South Pacific were in the habit of smoking wherever they chose. It was not uncommon to see a veteran and his wife "exchange" children between classes.

All of these changes came about because of the GI Bill. The Bill was a far-reaching piece of legislation providing for the education and housing of those thousands who served in World War II. By the time the original GI Bill ended in 1956, almost eight million veterans had participated in an education or training program, and more than two million

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# MS Flag Donated to ECCC Library

A new Mississippi Flag is now prominently displayed in the lobby of Burton Library at East Central Community College in Decatur. Lucille Wood, longtime faculty member and former coach, made the presentation following a brief ceremony. Members of the First 204th Air Defense Artillery unit in Newton (from left) Staff Sergeant Shannon Cooley and Sergeant Jonathan McDonald, both of Decatur, and Specialist Tracy Moncrief of Newton, are shown with the flag, given by Miss Wood in memory of Major William Patrick Wilson and the brave men who served under his leadership during World War II. Capt. Wilson was the commanding officer for Headquarters Battery of the Third Battalion located on the then ECJC campus. He led the battalion through 417 days of combat in the European Theater of Operations. General Wilson served as ECJC football and baseball coach, dean of men, and led the Mississippi National Guard unit from 1933-42.

# U.S. Flag Donated to ECCC Library

A new U.S. Flag is now prominently displayed in the lobby of Burton Library at East Central Community College in Decatur. Lucille Wood, longtime faculty member and former coach, made the presentation following a brief ceremony. Shown with the flag are (from left) Ann Burkes of Decatur, retired ECCC librarian and longtime adviser of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges; Richard Mayo of Decatur; and Kate Covich, current Theta Xi co-adviser. Wood presented the U.S. Flag in memory of Jack B. Mayo and to all past, present and future members of the College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Mayo attended then ECJC from 1948-50, where he was an outstanding student and football team member. He had a distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of Captain. After receiving a degree in aeronautical engineering, Mayo became a test pilot for the U.S. Army and was killed while flying in an F-105 aircraft over the Gulf of Mexico. The Phi Theta Kappa award is named in his honor. Richard Mayo is a recipient of the prestigious award and a brother to Jack Mayo.

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veterans had acquired home loans backed by the Veterans Administration.

The success of the 1944 GI Bill prompted the government to offer similar measures to later generations of veterans. The Veterans Adjustment Act of 1952 offered similar measures to veterans of the Korean Conflict.

In 1985, a bill sponsored by the Democratic Congressman from Mississippi G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery improved and expanded the GI Bill. Congressman Montgomery was known throughout his years as a Congressman for his interest in and work for American veterans of all wars. Because of his work, veterans knew about the Congressman, and he was honored by having his name placed on veterans hospitals, airports, and government buildings all across the country.

Today, on occasion, the grandchildren of veterans who climbed these steps on the lower East Central campus also use them to access the tennis courts or to reach a recently-completed parking lot. These little-used steps were once used by veterans of World War II in their quest for college degrees and the right to live in a peaceful world.



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W. Lamar Weems, M.D. '51
Windham Tractor (Philadelphia)

**ELENE BROOKS SUTPHIN HEALTHCARE SIMULATION FUND**

Dr. Betsy Mann
Denita Thomas '96

**"WELCOME HOME" MARQUEE RESTORATION PROJECT**

William D. '46 and Louise R. Bailey
Wilmer James '57
Dr. Barbara P. Massey '56
Esther B. Smith, Ph.D. '77
The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia

## ECCC FOUNDATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010

George Taylor '67, Chairman
Gilbert Thompson, Vice Chairman
Mickey Vance '79, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, Ex-Officio Member
Prentice Copeland '49, Ex-Officio Member
David Boydstun '84, Member
Melissa Thrash Carleton '88, Member
Patsy Dunigan Clark '60, Member
Aubry Cox '81, Member
Dr. Eddie M. Smith '63, Member

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## ECCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES FY 2011

(July 2010 – August 2010)

| | |
|---|---|
| Leake County | $105.00 |
| Neshoba County | 120.00 |
| Newton County | 385.50 |
| Scott County | [illegible] |
| Winston County | 220.00 |
| Out-of-District | 120.00 |
| TOTAL | 935.00 |
| | $1,885.50 |

Lifetime Membership Endowed Scholarship Fund $2,550.00

Raymond M. Reed '81
Helen Marie B. Reeves '52
Gina Riley '89
Dr. Kenneth B. Slaughter '50
Kenneth '64 and Debra Stidham
Ramond G. Stokes '56
Billy U. Tidwell '52
Jerry D. Turner, D.D.S. '66 and Diana L. Turner '67
Johnny Walton '61

LIFETIME DUES

Dr. Walterine H. Bell '52
Fred M. '70 and Mary Ann M. Brashier '70
Sandra D. Cielencki '78
Patricia L. Eaves '61
Sherman M. Henderson '62
Doyle '60 and Ollie Faye Jones '60
Sandra S. Kuykendall '57
John E. Martin and Beverly H. Oliphant-Martin '58
Dr. Barbara P. Massey '56
William C. McClenahan '57
Dr. Robert G. McCrory '50
Wallace Strickland '67
Sue Tatum '42
W. Lamar Weems, M.D. '51

UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Dr. Cheryl D. Crooks '76
[illegible] Flint '48
Ollie [illegible]
Dr. Clyde Muse '49
Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97

# SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Since Last Issue of Magazine • April 2010 - August 2010

*The ECCC Foundation currently maintains 71 endowed scholarships, 31 annual scholarships, and 4 partially endowed scholarships. For the 2010-2011 school year, the Foundation awarded over $76,000 in scholarship awards to ECCC students thanks to contributions to the Foundation's scholarship program.*

## ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

**($10,000.00 Minimum required to endow; contributions may be any amount)**

**AT&T ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**
AT&T (Meridian)
C.D. Smith, Regional Manger
External Affairs

**IRIS BOGGAN SCHOLARSHIP**
Norman Gillis

**DR. FRANK AND BOBBIE MCPHAIL BOWEN SCHOLARSHIP**
Dr. Frank W. Bowen '41

**CLASSES OF 1957, 1958, & 1959 SCHOLARSHIP**
Ann S. Gordon '60
Given in memory of June Richardson Scarborough
Carole P. Henry '57
Given in memory of Lois Ray and Coach Jeff Loper
Wilmer James '57
Given in memory of Thomas W. Thrash
David E. McKeehan, Sr. '58
James Randy Miles '60
Given in memory of all deceased members of the Class of 1960

**CLASS OF 1964 SCHOLARSHIP**
Jerald P. Everett '64

**FRANCES BROWN CRENSHAW NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**
Newton Community Healthcare, Inc.

**AARON R. DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Lisa O'Neill

**RICHARD L. HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP**
Kraft Foods Foundation

**DR. SHELBY L. HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Mu Alpha Theta

**DAN HARRISON RUSH HEALTH SYSTEMS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**
Newton Community Healthcare, Inc.
Rush Foundation Hospital (Meridian)

**ALBERT F. AND FANNIE M. HOLLINGSWORTH SCHOLARSHIP**
Fannie M. Hollingsworth

**MARTHA KATE TULLOS HUMMEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Don E. Hummel

**JAMES E. LAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Kraft Foods Foundation

**EDWIN AND MARIE LOWE SCHOLARSHIP**
Norman Gillis

**REV. JOHN LAMBERT NEILL SCHOLARSHIP**
Kraft Foods Foundation

**STELLA NEWSOME SCHOLARSHIP**
Billy U. Tidwell '52

**DR. OMAR SIMMONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Newton Community Healthcare, Inc.

**WALLACE STRICKLAND RUSH HEALTH SYSTEMS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**
Newton Community Healthcare, Inc.

**THOMAS W. THRASH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Melissa T. Carleton '88
Jeanette B. Thrash '58

**JAMES M. VANCE SCHOLARSHIP**
James M. '57 and Patsy Vance '57

**OVID & CAROL VICKERS SCHOLARSHIP**
Fred Allen Barfoot '59
Given in memory of Carl Baxter Cooper '59
Jeanette B. Thrash '58
Given in honor of Ovid's birthday

**CAPTAIN CHARLES E. WARD USN/RET MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Norman Gillis

## PARTIALLY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

**($10,000 GOAL)**

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**
($2,550 Raised)
Dr. Walterine H. Bell '52
Fred M. '70 and Mary Ann M. Brashier '70
Sandra D. Cielencki '78
Patricia L. Eaves '61
James and Rebecca Farris

*See SCHOLARSHIP, Next Page*



# *Find A New Home for Your Band Instrument!*

Do you have an old trumpet, saxophone or clarinet gathering dust and taking up space? Now is your chance to see it come back to life!!! The ECCC Foundation, Inc. is seeking in-kind donations of brass and woodwind instruments for the ECCC band department. These instruments would be checked out to students in need of an instrument or for back up, when an instrument is in the repair shop.

Instruments should be in good condition and not in need of major repairs

In-kind donations to the ECCC Foundation are tax-deductible. Please contact the Foundation Office at 601-635-6327 if you would like to make an in-kind donation.

**SCHOLARSHIP: Continued from Previous Page**

Sherman M. Henderson '62
Doyle '60 and Ollie Faye Jones '60
Sandra S. Kuykendall '57
John E. Martin and Dr. Beverly H. Oliphant-Martin '58
Dr. Barbara P. Massey '56
Billy Mayes '78
William C. McClenahan '57
Dr. Robert G. McCrory '50
Arlene B. Monk '95
Robert '62 and Ann Moody '98
Ralph Rogers '58
Wallace Strickland '67
Sue Tatum '42
Dow '96 and Shelley C. Thomas
Dr. Bradford J. Tucker '48
W. Lamar Weems, M.D. '51

**FRANCES AYCOCK JOHNSON AND JOANN AYCOCK THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP**
($7,000 Raised)
Kraft Foods Foundation

**STELLA DICKERSON TECHNICAL HONOR SCHOLARSHIP**
**($1,650 Raised)**
Sharon LeJeune

## ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

**BANK OF MORTON SCHOLARSHIP**
Bank of Morton

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP**
ECCC Board of Trustees

**PAUL V. AND VONCILE H. BREAZEALE SCHOLARSHIP**
Mississippi Baptist Foundation (Jackson)

**MABLE MOORE CARR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Mississippi United Methodist Foundation (Ridgeland)

**THE CITIZENS BANK OF PHILADELPHIA SCHOLARSHIP**
The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia

**COX & ASSOCIATES INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP**
Aubry Cox '81

**EC SCHOLARS**
James M. Thomas & Luvie C. Thomas Foundation (Shreveport, LA)

**ENTERGY SCHOLARSHIP**
Entergy Mississippi, Inc. (Jackson)

**SOUTHERN AGCREDIT SCHOLARSHIP (LAND BANK SOUTH SCHOLARSHIP)**
Mississippi Community College Foundation (Jackson)

**ANDREW WILSON LATHEM SCHOLARSHIP**
Gloria Boozer
Marie Brown
Linda L. Corley
Don and Barbara Hardin

**RUSSELL MCCANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Teresa Shannon

**ROBERT J. MOODY, JR. SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**
Robert '62 and Ann Moody '98

**TAYLOR ADVANCED MACHINING SCHOLARSHIP & TAYLOR ADVANCED WELDING SCHOLARSHIP**
The Taylor Group, Inc. (Louisville)

**LAVERN AND ELIZABETH VOWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
David Vowell

For a complete listings of endowed and annual scholarship go online to http://www.eccc.edu/alumni/foundation/default.aspx and click on the Annual Scholarships link or the Endowed Scholarships link

# WARRIOR CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS

January 2010 - August 2010

## LEAKE COUNTY

Chief
Leake Country Club, Inc. (Carthage)
Super Brave
Frank W. Bowen, M.D. '41
Aubry Cox '81
Cox & Associates Insurance (Carthage)
Brave
Danny Allen '69
Carthage Discount Drugs
Ide B. Dickens, Jr. '40
William E. Kitchings
Leake County Cooperative, A.A.L. (Carthage)
Triple M Motors (Carthage)
Papoose
Gilbert Barham '74
Dr. and Mrs. Howard Carlton McMillin '50
Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Neal, Jr. '63
Cline Watkins '63

## NESHOBA COUNTY

Super Chief
Custom Crete Eng. (Union)
The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia
Chief
B & G Equipment, Inc. (Philadelphia)
Jason Hailey '98
Sam Nowell '69
Bob Posey '82
Super Brave
Bob Breland
Richard and Cheryl Joiner
MS Band of Choctaw Indians (Choctaw)
Prince Oil Company, Inc. (Philadelphia)
Brave
B & G Wood, Inc. (Philadelphia)
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bates
Cadence Bank (Philadelphia)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Chisolm
D & W Company, Inc. (Philadelphia)
Ray Farlow
Dr. and Mrs. William Lee Johnson
Dr. Betsy Mann
Roger Owen
Maudean Sanders '70
Sonic Drive-In Philadelphia, LTD
Steve's On the Square (Philadelphia)
St. Mark's Hair Design and Sunglass Shop, Inc. (Philadelphia)
The Clothes Line (Philadelphia)
W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Co. (Philadelphia)
Sid '76 and Mickie Williams
Young Brave
Brian Anderson
Shelton E. Bounds '49
Mark Cheatham '86
Prentice Copeland '49
Jack '70 and Janis McMichael '72
Jerry W. Smith
Hugh W. Winstead '69
Papoose
Shirley Berg '02
Ruby H. Breazeale '57
Pat F. Mioton '61
Steve Nelson '68
Marc Stribling '92
Barbara N. Thaggard '51

## NEWTON COUNTY

Super Chief
Charlotte Brackeen '51
Delta Directional, LLC (Newton)
Ricky Harrison '78
Chief
Decatur Lions Club
La-Z-Boy South (Newton)
Rose Mobile Homes, L.L.C. (Hickory)
Ronnie Westbrook '76
Super Brave
Alexander Farms (Little Rock)
Rickey and Brenda Chaney '75
Bill '66 and Irma Goodwin
Chris Harris '76
James J. '53 and Jo M. Harris '54
Fredrick Lyons '82 & '94
Newton Community Healthcare, Inc.
Bill '55 and Sue Simkins '56
Dr. and Mrs. Eddie M. Smith '63
Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Dr. Phil A. Sutphin
Mickey Vance '79
Roger Whitlock
Brave
Allen and Kim Amis '80 & '93
James A. Bennett, DDS PA
Charles '75 and Debbie Boggan '76
Tanya Boler
Ann Burkes '63
Given in memory of Homer Hunter '38
Laverne G. Chaney
Jimmy Dempsey
ESCO Corporation (Newton)
Artie Foreman '90
Dr. Nicole F. Harrison Family Dentistry (Union)
Marty '90 and Stacey Hollingsworth '93
Randall '82 and Michelle Lee '98
Lori Luke '81
Long's Building Materials, Inc. (Decatur)
Jason A. Mangum '92
Massey, Inc. (Decatur)
Billy '78 and Jill Mayes '85
Milling Funeral Home (Union)
Newton County Bank
Billy '67 and Linda Pierce '68
Carol Shackelford '71
Sonic of Newton, LLC
Jeanette B. Thrash '58
Union Florist & Gifts
Union Discount Pharmacy, Inc.
Ovid and Carol Vickers '58
Wayne J. Westbrook
Wheeler Drug Store (Decatur)
Young Brave
Kelly Cluff '01
Neal Holliman
Hollingsworth Dental Clinic, P.A. (Newton)
William Lucy '82
Randy Rushing '83
Jack '56 and Jeanette Winstead
Papoose
Bobby and Pat Addy '58
Dr. L. B. Adkins '47
Joe Barrett
Kristen Chaney '05
Chris Clark '83
Brenda Crosby '69
Bob Douglas '67
Kenneth Dunagin '58
Norman Gillis
Richard Harris '52
Earline Harrison
Kenneth Jones '61
Nancy D. Kidd '76
Molly McGee '74
Karen Robertson '87

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Ken and Paula Stringer
Scott Vaughn

## SCOTT COUNTY

Super Brave
Bank of Forest
Community Bank (Forest)
Dr. Bob Tom Johnson '63
Brave
Ralph Brown, Jr. '72
Wanda C. Dean '85
Frank Edmondson
James T. and Rebecca Farris
Forest Rotary Club
Elizabeth S. Hill '60
Bubby Johnston
Drew '04 and Kery Kenna '04
Joey Kenna
Gary '62 and Nelda Risher '63
Elvis '79 and Sandra Shaw
Lee's Steakhouse (Sebastopol)
Sonic of Forest, LLC
South-Side Mart (Forest)
Anthony Stanford '05
George '67 and Jo Taylor '67
Rita J. Waggoner '61
Young Brave
Billy R. Lovett '57
Melissa Lynch
Haywood Reeves '67
W. Royce Shaw '68
Joe Tadlock '71
Papoose
Larry J. Bradford '70
Billy Miles
Annie B. Stowers
Maxine Sullivan

## WINSTON COUNTY

Super Brave
Ron Perkins '98
James T. "Jim" Wood '49
Brave
Gene Davis '70
Renasant Bank (Louisville)
Sonic of Louisville, LLC
Kim Webb '79
Lucille Wood '51
Young Brave
Randal Livingston
Papoose
David '77 and Linda Humphries
Rebecca Rogers '75
Charles S. '64 and Judy Thomas
Henry L. '77 and Phylis Triplett

## OUT-OF-DISTRICT

Super Chief
Brown Bottling Group, Inc. (Ridgeland and Meridian)
M.E. "Boe" Davis, Jr. '56
George Sills Engineering, LLC (Vicksburg)
Laree Mannino
Earl Marshall '56
Brian '98 and Stephanie Shaw '97
Chief
Van '63 and Betty Chancellor '63
Wilmer James '57
Judge Little
M & M Portolets, LLC (Thomasville, AL)
Hal Presley '77
Terri L. Russell '82
James M. Vance '57
Super Brave
Easton Sports (Van Nuys, CA)
Thomas E. Hannah '57
Keith Harland
Mark and Paige Maher
National Junior College Athletic Association (Colorado Springs, CO)
John '54 and Jobyna Rushing '54
Structural Steel Services, Inc. (Meridian)
Brave
Leo Allen
Col. C. R. Armstrong
Lester '57 and Eugenia Baucum '57
Wyatt J. Davis, Jr. '51
Ed Chaney Tire Center, Inc. (Meridian)
Jerald Everett '64
Frazier Realty Company (McComb)
Steve and Pam Hampton '89
Ray E. Hannah
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Helms
Dr. Richard D. Hill
Given in honor of Lib Hill
Bill Lundy '69
Raymond '57 and Lois McMullan '60
Dr. Clyde Muse '49
My Salon LLC (Gonzales, LA)
Houston Patrick '54
Penny's Pantry (Senatobia)
Franz Phillip Porzel
River Bend Services, Inc. (Ludlow)
Luther D. Rives '62
Doyle Scaife '60
Given in honor of James Ray Hildebrand '60
Dr. S. Todd Threadgill
Dr. William Wheeler '72
Ruth W. Wilson '53
Perry Winstead '79
Lucy Young '71
Young Brave
Brent Bailey '90
Peggy Clayton
Brian C. Cooper '91
James E. Fisackerly '58
Everette G. Fox '61
Norman '47 and Miriam Harris '47
Polly A. Haynes '56
Given in memory of Lamar M. Haynes '58
Eugene Langston '49
A. Clyde Mills '58
James and Linda Rigsby
Papoose
Paul Breazeale '65
Jackye S. Britt '55
Dr. Emily E. Bullock '98
Terry "T. C." Cannon '57
Imogene F. Davis '43
Marge B. Davis '57
Samantha Denson '05
Patricia L. Eaves '61
Keith and Diane Fulton
Mike Howle '72
Rex Keeton '64
James D. Lowery '56
Debra Nobinger
Max Rich '54

**Warrior Club 2010 Contributions By County (January – August)**

| | |
|---|---|
| EC Employee Payroll Deductions | $ 2,442.00 |
| Leake County | 1,635.00 |
| Neshoba County | 12,690.81 |
| Newton County | 9,781.50 |
| Scott County | 2,710.00 |
| Winston County | 835.00 |
| Out-of-District | 19,553.00 |
| Total | $49,647.31 |

# *Please Help Find These Alumni!*

*The Alumni Office does not have a current mailing address for the following alumni and friends of the College. If you have any information regarding their whereabouts, please e-mail the Alumni Office at sholling@eccc.edu or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327 (within Mississippi) or telephone 601-635-6327. Thank you for your help!*

**Brookhaven**
Sandra Eakes Meacham '70
**Canton**
Jill Gray Archer '00
Ozzie Nicole McMurtry '05
**Carthage**
Gloria Dannette Brown '99
Billie L. Dowdle
Carrie Elizabeth Perkins '98
James Shepard '89
**Clinton**
Sandra W. Walker '70
Collinsville
Kenneth Miller Wallace '85
**Decatur**
Michelle M. Addy '00
Robby Wayne Carey '05
Michael Chaney '89
Carl Hollingsworth '59
Elizabeth Graham Jenkins '00
Dominique Mapp '05
James Reggie Tucker
**DeKalb**
Don Cassel '70
Denra W. McMahon '88
John Harry Smith '73
**Duncan**
Jerry Eugene Gully '54
**Flowood**
Jennifer Watkins '04
**Forest**
Melissa Ann Black '03
Ruthie Marie English
Janie Fairchild Gebhardt '63
Cynthia Denise Sharpe '04
Shirley Jones Smith '59
**Hickory**
[illegible]
**Jackson**
[illegible]
**Lawrence**
[illegible] Smith '05
**Lena**
Kendrick VonShawn Nichols '08
**Louisville**
Shekeisha LaShunda Coleman '96
Veronica Denice Houston '05
Krystle Nicole Hunter '05
Sarah Brooke Manigold '00
Linda Ruth Matthews '98
**Maben**
Kim Eaves Wilkinson
**Madison**
Lenora Marie Femyer '97
**Mantee**
Donna Mayo '81
**McNeill**
Daniel Colby Hawthorne '07
**Meridian**
Rebecca Gardner '70
Adella Etoy Rainer '97
**Morton**
Elaine Westerfield Waggoner '76
Haley L. Waggoner '03
**Newton**
Sandra Walker Ivey '79
Monique Lyntrell Robinson '09
Jimmy Wayne Smith '06
Mary Emma Freeman Wall '43
**Petal**
Ashaki N. McCoy '98
**Philadelphia**
Russell Bennett '89
Chrissa Roberts Bennett '90
Wanda F. Bishop '70
Linda Gail Copeland
Rob Ferguson '90
Joseph Keith Goodwin '93
John Holland '90
Felisha Aanelle Martin '96
Gerald Dave Stoliby '88
Amy Cecilia Thornton
**Preston**
Terry Bostick '89
Mary Nell V. Woolery '88
**Ridgeland**
William Henry Jones '99
**Rose Hill**
Bryan Steven Madison '97
**Saucier**
Gloria Callahan Martin '05
**Starkville**
Ginger Renee' Buckley '92
Dennis Carey Russell '88
Jennifer Leah Sistrunk '08
**Union**
Mary Lynn Campbell
Ozborn Driskell '42
Donna Lanee Killen '89
Mitchell Jefferson Roberts '08
**Walnut Grove**
Taniya M. Williams '04

**Alabama**
Huntsville
Joy McMillan Waldstreicher '61
**California**
San Diego
Ralph Edwin Gordon
Sacramento
Aimee Elizabeth McLaurin '02
Colorado
Denver
Dena Anderson Dove
Duane Dove '89

**Georgia**
Jonesboro
Rhonda Hill Rushing '93
**Hawaii**
Hickam AFB
Lisa W. Lockett '88

**Louisiana**
Welsh
Sarah Wilkerson Lathem
**Michigan**
Muskegon
Lorenzo White '04
**North Carolina**
Morganton
Allen N. Trotter '72
**New York**
Alpine
Rose M. French
**Texas**
Cibolo
Bradie L. Aman '02
Austin
Stephanie Gainey Reece '90
Victoria
Mary Haskins Tips
Clute
Randy Murray Whitaker
**Virginia**
Virginia Beach
Houston D. Jacobs '99
Manassas
Angela Williams '86



# Founders Gym Renovation Fund

## *Donor Pledge Form*

***Donor Information: (Please Print)***

Name:_____

Mailing Address:_____

City:_____ State: _____ ZIP Code_____

Telephone (Home):_____

Telephone (Business): _____

Fax:_____

E-Mail:_____

Class Year:_____

***Pledge Information: (Check All That May Apply)***

__ One-Time Donation, In the Amount of: $_____

__ Multi-Year Donation, As Follows:

A sum of $_____ per year _____ Years

(For a total of $_____)

__ Matching Gift Eligible Does your employer match donations? If so, please enclose a signed matching gift form from your employer.

__ I (we) wish to have the gift remain anonymous.

__ I (we) wish to volunteer time and ideas to this project.

Method of Payment:

__ Check Enclosed, Please Make Check Payable To: ECCC Foundation, Inc.

__ Credit/Debit Card

___ Visa ___ Mastercard

Card Number:_____

Expiration Date:_____

Authorized Signature:_____

__ Contact Me

***Please forward completed form and payment to:***
**ECCC Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327**
**or fax to 601-635-4011**
**or e-mail to sholling@eccc.edu**

# *Lost Your Wo-He-Lo?*

Past editions of the Wo-He-Lo annuals are on sale for a donation of $20 each. Please contact the Alumni Association Office at 601-635-6327.

## EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
## 2011 NOMINATION FOR
## ALUMNUS/ALUMNA OF THE YEAR *

Name:_____ Maiden_____

Years Attended, Graduated EC:_____

Address:_____

Phone (w)_____(h)_____

High School Graduated From:_____ County_____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From_____ Years_____

Work Experience:
Place Position Dates

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Contributions to College/and to Community:_____

_____

Professional Affiliations and Honors:_____

_____

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Family:_____

Spouse:_____ Maiden Name_____

Did spouse attend EC ___ Yes ___ No, If yes, Years Attended/Graduated_____

Children & Ages:_____

Attach additional information, if needed.
Return to: Alumni Association
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327-0129
Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 327

Name (of Alumnus/Alumna submitting nomination)
_____Maiden_____
Address_____
_____
Phone (h)_____ (w)_____
Years attended/graduated EC_____

*Deadline:* *July 01, 2011*
**Applications are good for two consecutive years. Additional info about nominees is encouraged. Attach info to this form. Selection is based primarily on print materials received.*



## EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
## 2011 NOMINATION FOR
## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME *

Name:_____Maiden_____

Years Attended_____ ECCC Graduation Date:_____

Address:_____

Phone: (work)_____(home)_____

High School:_____County_____

Sports Lettered In & Honors Received In Community College:_____

_____

College attended after ECCC:_____

Sports Lettered In and Honors Received At Senior College/University Level:_____

_____

Work Experience:
Place Position Dates

_____

_____

_____

Honors Received:_____

_____

_____

Attach additional information if needed.
Name (of person submitting nomination)
Return to: Alumni Association
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327-0129
601-635-2111, ext. 327

_____/Maiden_____
Address_____
_____
Phone (h)_____ (w)_____
Years attended/graduated EC_____

*Deadline:* *July 01, 2011*

**Applications are good for two consecutive years. Additional info about nominees is encouraged. Attach info to this form. Selection is based primarily on print materials received.*

# *Support the EC Foundation through the Annual Fund*

Public resources are limited and tied to specific needs. The College needs unrestricted funds to develop the potential of our students. Thus, the College continues to seek a consistent method for securing private support. We strive to secure these unrestricted private funds through our annual fund campaign.

We invite you to renew your commitment to your community college by contributing to our "Investors in Excellence" Annual Fund Campaign for 2010-2011. Gifts to the "Investors in Excellence" Annual Fund program are tax-deductible, subject to IRS regulations, when made to the East Central Community College Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

Private support such as yours enables us to continue to attract top quality students to the College. If you are in a position to help us, please fill out the form below.

**Make a tax-deductible gift to the Annual Fund**
**Join an "Investors in Excellence" Gift Club**

FIVE-YEAR CLUBS
[ ] 21st Century Club - $2,500 Annually
[ ] Leadership Club - $1,500 Annually
[ ] Loyalty Club - $1,000 Annually

THREE-YEAR CLUBS
[ ] 21st Century Club - $300-$1000 Annually
[ ] Leadership Club III - $100-$299 Annually
[ ] Loyalty Club III - $1-$99 Annually

***Please Fill Out:***

Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____

Year(s) attended EC: _____ Year Graduated from EC: _____

Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____

If paying by Credit or Debit Card:

[ ] Visa [ ] MC Card # _____

Expiration Date ____/____ Signature: _____ Gift Amount $_____

***Mail to: ECCC Foundation, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327***

# Alumni: Send Us Your News!

E-mail news, weddings, birth announcements, etc.
to sholling@eccc.edu
Mailing address:
ECCC Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327



# *Obituaries*

### Edgar E. Bobo, M.D.

Edgar E. Bobo, M.D., 79, died Monday, July 12, 2010, after a long illness. He was a renowned physician and native of Neshoba County. He was a graduate of Coldwater High School, attened East Central Junior College (1948-1950) and earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. He was a member of the first class to graduate from the University of Mississippi Medical School's Jackson Campus in 1958. He was an active member of Fannin United Methodist Church.

### Aaron Dale Burkeen

Aaron Dale Burkeen, 37, died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, on Transocean Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. He was a crane operator and had worked for Transocean deep water drilling for 10 years. He was a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and East Central Community College.

### William Allen "Kip" Burns

William Allen "Kip" Burns (Class of 1967) of Woodworth, Louisiana died April 22, 2010. Mr. Burns was a native of Union and was a graduate with a degree in Personnel Management from the University of Southern Mississippi in August of 1969. Upon graduation, he went to work with Sears Roebuck & Company in credit management. He had several assignments with Sears in Mississippi and Georgia over the next 10 years. He then moved to Louisiana and worked with the Missouri Pacific Railroad/Union Pacific Railroad for 31 years. Mr. Burns was a member of the Christian Worship Center for more than 20 years.

### Donna G. Cohran

Donna Sue Ganann Cochran, 44, of Carthage, died Wednesday, August 11, 2010. She was a Leake County native and an active member of Freeny Methodist Church where she served in many capacities. She was a 1983 graduate of Leake Academy and received her associate of arts degree from East Central Community College. She was a dental assistant for Dr. Joe Collins of Jackson for many years.

### Jerry Craig Estes, Jr.

Jerry Craig Estes, Jr., 48, a retired Louisville Electric System employee, died Wednesday, May 26, 2010, in Louisville. He was a graduate of Louisville High School and attended East Central Community College. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

### Edwin W. Green

Edwin W. "Ed" Green, 69, died Friday, August 20, 2010, in Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. He was a native of Morton and was a 1958 graduate of Morton High School. He was a member of the U.S. Navy and attended East Central Junior College where he played on the Warrior football team. He is a graduate of Delta State University and Mississippi College. He is a former teacher, coach and principal at Florence High School and retired as Director of Transportation for the Rankin County School District after 36 years.

### Lamar M Haynes

Lamar M. Haynes (Class of 1958) of Demopolis, AL died April 7, 2010. He was a retired civil engineer resource manager with the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

### James Ray Hildebrand

James Ray Hildebrand died Friday, July 23, 2010 in Northeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. He was a former mayor of Live Oak, detective with the San Antonio Police Department and District Attorney Investigator. He attended East Central Community College and Southwester Louisiana Institute at Lafayette on football scholarships.

### Clarence Murray James

Clarence Murray James, 95, died Friday, July 23, 2010 in Infinity Hospice in Meridian. He was a graduate of Union High School and East Central Community College. He retired from Interstate Merchandise Warehouse after 16 years service and was employed by Compress of Union for 30 years prior. He was a member of Union United Methodist Church.

### Buddie Joe King

Buddie Joe King, 71, died Wednesday, August 4, 2010, in Neshoba County Nursing Home. He was a native of Leake County and a longtime resident of Philadelphia. He was a 1956 graduate of Philadelphia High School and received a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University. He formerly worked for Commercial Union Assurance Company in Jackson and Crawley Law Firm in Louisville as an insurance investigator. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Philadelphia.

### Tammy Luke Linsenbee

Tammy Luke Lisenbee died May 9, 2010, in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Ark. She graduated from Noxapater High School, East Central Community College and attended Mississippi State University. She served as a substitute teacher for the Heber Springs School District in Heber Springs, Ark., for 13 years and most recently served as a deputy clerk in the Heber Springs Sheriff's Office.

### William A. Massey

William A. (Bill) Massey, 82, died Tuesday, May 25, 2010, in his home. He was a Forest native and graduated from Forest High School, East Central Junior College and Cook Radio School. He worked for the State of Mississippi for 39 years, retiring from the Mississippi Highway Patrol as Director of Communications. He was a member of First Baptist Church Madison.

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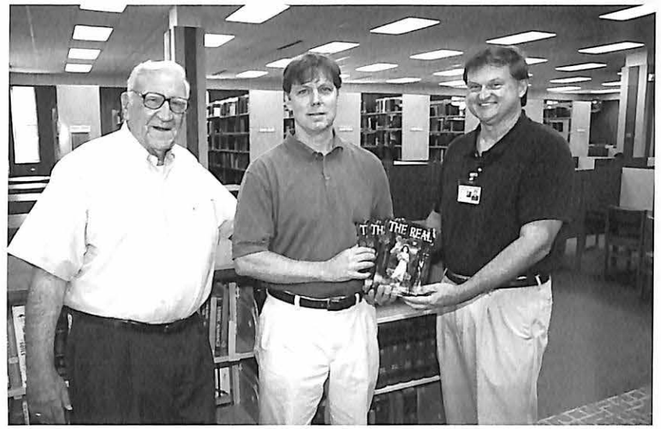
# EC Alumnus Presents Book to Burton Library



East Central Community College alumnus Dr. Jim Crenshaw (center) of Brandon is shown presenting copies of his book, The Real, to Leslie Hughes (right), director of the College's Burton Library, while retired faculty member Ovid Vickers looks on. Crenshaw, a Newton native who attended EC during the summer months of 1981 and 1982, was a student of Vickers who plans to write a review of Crenshaw's mystery/thriller. Crenshaw, who writes under the pen name of James Cole, said The Real was first conceived while he was attending the University of Mississippi, where he earned a Ph.D. in chemistry in 1995. His work on the book was an on-again, off-again proposition and it was not until this summer that The Real finally became a reality. Dr. Crenshaw is the son of longtime Newton residents Mason and Joan Crenshaw now residing in Madison, and is married to the former Stephanie Copeland, also of Newton. For more information on Dr. Crenshaw and The Real, visit his Web site, www.secretrealms.com.

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### Hilda G. McRaney

Hilda G. McRaney, 85, died Saturday, July 10, 2010, in Ridgeland.

### Edith Joy Moore

Edith Joy Moore of Edinburg died April 29, 2010. Mrs. Moore was a lifelong resident of Leake County and had resided in the Ebenezer community for many years. She was a member of Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church. She worked for a number of years in the sewing industry and spent the last 13 years of her career teaching vocational education through East Central Community College both at Carthage High School and Philadelphia High School.

### Imogene Dallas Ritenburgh

Imogene Dallas Ritenburgh (Class of 1942) of Montgomery, Alabama died December 21, 2009, at The Cedars in Montgomery, AL after an extended illness. She was native of Neshoba County and was a graduate of House High School, East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. Mrs. Ritenburgh was a retired Home Economist and worked many years with the Extension Service in Mississippi, Florida, and Alabama. Considered a leader in her field, she won numerous awards both locally and nationally.

### Dr. Loutrelle Stribling

Dr. Loutrelle Stribling, 90, died Thursday, July 17, 2010. He was a native of Union and attended East Central Junior College, where he was a punter on the football team. He later attended Millsaps College in Jackson and was a pitcher on the men's softball team. He was accepted to the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and completed medical training at Bowman-Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest. He moved his medical practice to Carthage in 1964 where he practiced until his retirement. He was a member of Carthage Presbyterian Church.

### Joel Triplett

Joel Triplett, 62, died Saturday, July 31, 2010, in Jackson.

### Joyce Bounds Ward

Joyce Bounds Ward (Class of 1967) of Fairhope, Alabama, died May 28, 2010. She was a Newton native.

### Richard Lowe Winstead

Richard Lowe Winstead (Class of 1944) of Denton, Texas died November 9, 2009. A Scott County native, he was a graduate of East Central Junior College and Mississippi College. He began his career as a chemist with the Texas Company (later to become Texaco) in 1948 and retired from the Texaco Research Lab in Port Arthur in 1985. He served as an elder at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Port Arthur, and volunteered at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Beaumont.




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## *EC Alums Gather at Neshoba County Fair*

A reunion of former East Central Community College classmates helped make this year's Neshoba County Fair an even more enjoyable experience. Representatives of the 1988, 1989 and 1990 classes gathered Saturday, July 24 for the first-time event, hosted by Bill Freeman and Matt Alford, both of Forest, at the Freeman cabin. Pictured are (seated, from left) Tracy Edwards Verry of Louisville, Gina Buntyn Riley of Brookhaven, Pam Green Hampton of Quitman and Alicia Amis McMillan of Enterprise; and (standing, from left) Scott Hill of Decatur, John Mark Williams of Mendenhall, ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin (who was Dean of Students during this period), Bill Freeman, Tanya Henry Thomas of Carthage, Alice Pouncey of Decatur, retired faculty member, Amy Pouncey Lewis of Wesson, Nancy Bagwell Hardy and Steve Hardy of Clinton and Matt Alford. Class members who attended but are not pictured include Michele Evans Breland of Decatur and Cully Hudspeth of Louisville.

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## *Scenes from Homecoming 2010*

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Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

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Scenes from 2010 Homecoming, which was held Saturday, October 2.

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# *The President's Message*

Dr. Phil Sutpin

Welcome to another issue of *The Warrior*. Our goal is to provide you with a magazine about your community college that is attractive and entertaining. The Warrior is about you and for you. We would like to hear from you about your memories of the College and how the College impacted your life. Stories and experiences related to Founders Gym are of particular interest.

Founders Gym is one of two remaining "original" buildings on campus and the only one that is close to its original condition. The other is Jackson Hall. Recently Founders Gym was placed on the Mississippi Historical Sites list and we have received support from Archives and History to study how we might renovate the facility, maintain its character, and yet utilize the space for much needed expansion of the College.

Over the years many exciting basketball games were played in the gym, not only JUCO events but high school championships. In addition, the structure was an auditorium where major events were held and annual events such as May Day celebrations. We have many photos in the College's Memorabilia Room of activities in the gym.

You can help us make our vision a reality by sending us accounts of your experiences in the gym. But, more importantly, we need private financial support to combine with State funds to have enough money to complete the planning process and renovate the facility. The project will probably be done in phases as funds become available. Our immediate need is the weather proofing of the envelope to stop further deterioration.

As you remember your time at EC and the activities in the gym, think of the future memories that will be made in the renovated facility. Your active support is needed to make the vision a reality.

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

The ECCC Foundation invites you to renew your commitment to your community college by contributing to the Investors in Excellence Annual Fund before the end of the year. Gifts to the fund are tax-deductible when made payable to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

With budget cuts and limited public resources, the Foundation is seeking unrestricted funds to develop the potential of our students, faculty, and staff. Your gift to the Annual Fund will allow the Foundation to support and enhance the College's mission of providing educational opportunities for lifelong learning.

Your gift will help enable the College to provide more educational opportunities for EC students, to attract and retain qualified faculty, to enhance campus technology, and to provide additional campus facilities.

The ECCC Foundation and Alumni Association would like to thank you for your past support of the College. Please know that any and all levels of support are much appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Stacey Hollingsworth
Executive Director
Foundation and Alumni Relations

# "Remember When in 2010"

## East Central Community College

### Hawthorn Crowned Queen

Emily Hathorn (second from left) of Louisville was crowned 2010 Homecoming Queen at East Central Community College by College president Dr. Phil Sutphin (left). Serving as the queen's escort was Alvin Johnson, Jr. (third from left) of Carthage. Presenting the flowers was 2009 Homecoming Queen Reshetta Benton of Forest. The queen and her court were presented during halftime of the Warriors' 37-35 victory over Hinds Community College.

### 2010 ECCC Homecoming Court

Members of the 2010 East Central Community College Homecoming Court included (seated, from left) freshman maids Ashlee Lee of Forest, Madison Nowell of Louisville, Nicole Bounds of Newton and Ava Marie Adkins of Union; queen Emily Hathorn of Louisville, maid of honor Anna Alexander of Little Rock; and sophomore maids Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, Ariel Doggett of Edinburg and Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol; and (back row, from left) escorts Austin Lee of Forest, Caleb Kelly of Noxapater, Justin Adcock of Conehatta, Colby Little of Little Rock, Alvin Johnson of Carthage, Matt Griffin of Union, Joel McKee of Philadelphia, Colby Horton of Union and Josh Jarriel of Philadelphia.

### 2010 Homecoming Honorees

Receiving special recognition during East Central Community College's homecoming celebration held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, were the above recipients of the annual Alumni Association awards. From left are Bill Bailey of Decatur, Alumnus of the Year; Brigadier General Amelia Kennedy (Ret.) of Louisville, Alumna of the Year; Bonnie Martin of Choctaw, whose late husband, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Chief Phillip Martin, was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award; and Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin of Carthage and Chris Harris of Decatur, who were inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. The awards were presented during luncheon activities held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

### Celebrate 70th Reunion

Estell B. Wilcox and Ide B. Dickens, Jr., both of Carthage, were among members of the Class of 1940 who celebrated their 70th class reunion during Homecoming activities.

## Observe Golden Anniversary

Observing their 50th class reunion are the above East Central Community College alumni who received special recognition during Homecoming activities. ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin presented "Golden Anniversary" diplomas to class members during a ceremony in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jo Lynn Parker of Philadelphia, Lib Smith Hill of Forest, Nan Shields Morgan of Ridgeland, Patsy Dunigan Clark of Louisville, Ina Fay Leach Nelson of Union and Dinkey Morris Austin of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Hilda Adair Blackledge of Quitman, Sue Butts Fountain of Natchez, Donna Kirksey Durr and Ann Sudduth Gordon, both of Raymond; Ollie Faye McNair Jones of Pelahatchie, Jean McMahan Easom of Meridian and Marie Hollingsworth Ezelle of Decatur; (third row, from left) Smith Wood of Eufaula, Ala.; Marvin Miller of Hattiesburg, Dick West of Prescott, Ariz.; Bob Baker of Tuscson, Ariz.; Doyle Jones of Pelahatchie and Tersie Oliphant of McComb; and (back row, from left) Bill Durr of Raymond, Billy Frank Alford of Forest, Gaines Massey of Brandon, Randy Miles of Muskegon, Mich.; Larry Brown of Madison and Richard Bell of Byhalia.

## Classes of '57-'58-'59 Hold Annual Reunion

Members of the East Central Community College classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959 met for their annual reunion during Homecoming activities. Pictured are (front row, from left) Sara Moreau, Hank Moreau, Kenneth Dunagin, Jeanette Thrash and Lois Cooper, all of Decatur; and Nan Barrier Stamper of Union; and (second row, from left) Fred Austin Barfoot of Philadelphia, Pa.; Bubba Hudspeth of Louisville, Mack Shelton of Pearl, Sam Partridge of Colorado Springs, Co.; Johnny Neil Smith of Monticello, Ga.; and Carl Hollingsworth of Decatur.

## Class of 1950 Reunites

Members of the East Central Community College Class of 1950 were among special groups recognized during Homecoming activities. Those attending included (front row, from left) Pruitt Calvert of Louisville and Lloyd Youngblood of Knoxville, Tenn.; and (back row, from left) Chester Herrington of Louisville, John Webb of Greenwood and Robert McCrory of Benton, Ky.

## Attend 40th Reunion

These members of the East Central Community College Class of 1970 were among special groups recognized during Homecoming activities. Pictured are (from left) Joyce Nance of Louisville, Pam Jackson of Carthage and Mary Ann Brashier and Fred Mack Brashier, both of Collinsville.

# Attend Classes of '79-'80-'81 Reunion

These members of the East Central Community College Classes of 1979, 1980 and 1981 participated in reunion activities during the annual Homecoming celebration. Pictured are (front row, from left) Libby Smith of Petal, Amy Harwell of Meridian, Valeria Miller of Union, Martha Alford Blanton of Carthage, Flo Harkins Henley of Starkville, Cheryl Comans of Cleveland, and Myra Murrell Davis and Evelyn Murrell Hampton, both of Forest; and (second row, from left) Mickey Vance of Decatur, Geedie Simmons of Hatiesburg, Raymond Reed of Brandon, Jamie Satcher of Northport, Ala.; Alexander Ealy of Morton, David Griffin of Decatur, Kent Holdiness of Louisville, Leah Livingston Donald of Starkville, Steve McKay of Columbus and Lori Hudson Luke of Hickory.

## Former Warrior Corps Members Recognized

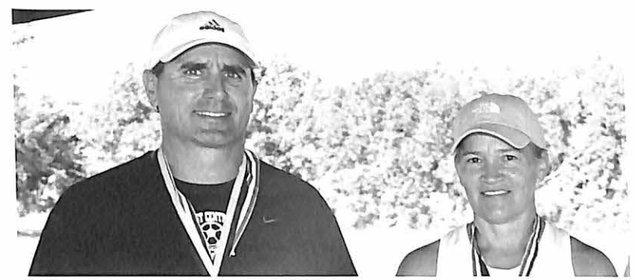
Former members of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, an elite group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events, were among special groups honored during Homecoming activities. Pictured are (front row, from left) Maria Leach McLeod of Mize, Amanda Skinner of Decatur and Amy Lewis of Wesson; and (back row, from left) Bill Freeman and Matt Alford, both of Forest.

## Win 5K Walk Honors

Taking top honors in the East Central Community College Homecoming 5K Walk were (from left) Larry Robinson of Forest, first place; Becky Monk of Lake, second, and Kay Stuart of Morton, third.

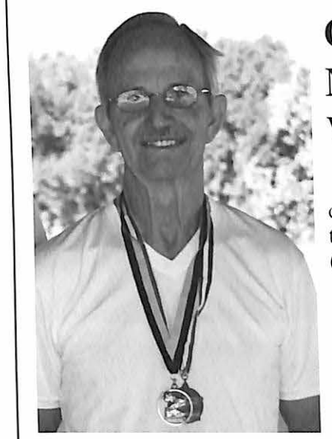
## 5K Run Winner

Jesse Vaughn (right) of Decatur took top honors in the annual ECCC 5K Run. Vaughn is shown with race coordinator Phillip Crenshaw (left) following the 3.1 mile event. Nina Labue (not pictured) of Decatur was the overall female winner.



## Masters Division Winners

Kenneth Thompson (left) of Decatur and Teresa Tillman of Union took top male and female honors, respectively, in the Masters Division (ages 40-50) of the 5K Run.



## Grand Masters Winner

James Waltman of Philadelphia was the top finisher in the Grand Masters Division (ages 50+) of the 5K Run.

## 5K 40-49 Division Winners

Taking top honors in the Ages 40-49 Division of the annual 5K Run are (from left) female winner Kay Gaddis of Hickory, second place; and male winners Shannon McMullan of Decatur, first place, Philip Hearn of Jackson, second, and Matt Alford of Forest, third.

## 5K 30-39 Division Winners

Ages 30-39 Division winners of the 5K Run are (from left) female winners Paula Freeman of Forest, second place, and April Dailey of Decatur, third; and male winners Joey Smith of Collinsville, first, and Nathan Tadlock of Decatur, second. Not pictured are Mistie Arthur of Sebastopol, first place female, and Robert Compere of Quitman, third place male.

## 5K 20-29 Division Winners

Taking top honors in the Ages 20-29 Division of the 5K Run are (front row, from left) female winners Britta Stephens, first place, Krissi Munn, second, and Emily Thompson, third, all of Decatur; and (back row, from left) male winners, Josh Moore of Columbus, first place, and Allen Lanier of Decatur, third place. Not pictured is Jason Murray of Philadelphia who finished second.

## 5K 13-19 Division Winners

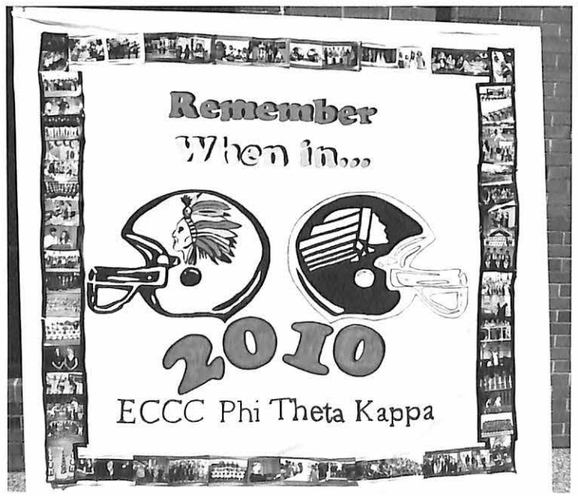
Winners in the 13-19 Age Division of the annual 5K Run are (front row, from left) Polly Vaughn of Decatur and Bethanie Myers of Sebastopol, first and second place, respectively, in the female category; and (back row, from left) Caleb Vaughn of Decatur, first place male; Charlie Gaddis of Hickory, second place male, and Miguel Lewis of Forest, third place male. Not pictured is Tabby LaBue of Decatur, third place female.

## 5K 0-12 Division Winners

Taking top honors in the 0-12 Age Division of the 5K Run are (from left) Dalton Baskin of Meridian, first place male; Olivia Vaughn of Decatur, first place female; and Rebecca Baker of Collinsville, second place female.

# Top ECCC Homecoming Sign

Capturing top honors and the $125 cash prize in the annual homecoming sign competition at East Central Community College was the entry at right from Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Other award winners were ECTSA (Surgical Technology), second, $100; East Central Student Art Association, third, $75; and ASNEC (Association of Student Nurses), fourth, $50.






# What Do You Remember Most About EC?

*"Singing in the Hillbilly Band. 'Eddie Arnold' was my specialty."*
**John Webb**
**Class of 1950**

*"I enjoyed playing tennis every afternoon. We had a great time on the court. The tennis courts were just across the street from Ken and Alice Pouncey's house back then."*
**Mary Ann McDonald Brashier**
**Class of 1970**

*"Once a month we had a birthday dinner for everyone with birthdays and we had fried chicken."*
**Dr. Robert McCrory**
**Class of 1950**

*"When my class was here, we couldn't wear shorts anywhere on campus. So, we had to wear rain coats to go from the dorm to the gym for PE class."*
**Genie Callahan Hall**
**Class of 1970**

*"Dr. Ethridge finding the Playboy centerfold that someone had taped to his maps of the Crusades."*
**Paul Chamblee**
**Class of 1975**

*"Spending four years at ECCC and having the greatest teachers in the world. I can't remember any of my teachers from the universities, but remember all of them from here."*
**James Vance**
**Class of 1957**

*"Meeting my wife, Betty Sims, in the student center and never knowing that we would be married for 50 years."*
**Melvin Tingle**
**Class of 1961**

*"Mr. Peterson and Dr. Ethridge were always playing tricks on each other. You never knew what either one of them was going to do to the other."*
**Flo Harkins Henley**
**Class of 1981**

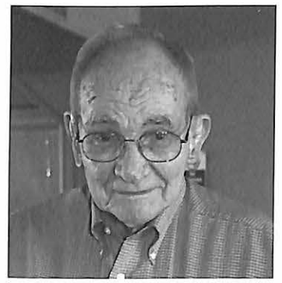
# What do you remember most about EC?

*"Meeting my husband!" (She and husband Earl Marshall (Class of 1956) have been married since 1958.)*

**Bobbie Marshall**
**Class of 1957**

*"All of the friends I made and still keep in contact with today."*

**Bill Freeman**
**Class of 1989**



*"During my time at EC, it was unusual in that the Warrior football team did not lose a game in two years. My first year, they had two ties and missed out on the state championship game but my second year, they didn't have but one and we won the state championship! The game was held at Jones Junior College and we all took a train to the game. When we got back to campus early the next morning, all of the pecan trees had toilet paper all over them (the student who didn't attend the game decorated the trees for the team and us in celebration). The dean at the time wouldn't let any of us go to bed until all the toilet paper was down from the trees."*

**Ide Dickens, Jr.**
**Class of 1940**

# Native American Club Honors Late Chief Martin

Native American Club officers and sponsors at East Central Community College are shown with a bench the organization purchased in memory of the late Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Chief Phillip Martin. Inscribed on the bench, prominently displayed on the Decatur campus, are the following words: "Before the road of education was paved with gold, it was all dirt and gravel, but with the vision of Chief Phillip Martin, now it is a better road to travel. Yakoki Chief Martin." ECCC posthumously honored Chief Martin with a Lifetime Achievement Award during homecoming activities held Saturday, Oct. 2. Seated from left are Nigel Allen of Carthage, NAC president; Anistasia Nickey of Philadelphia, vice president; and Brennan Graves of Lena, chaplain. Standing from left are Leslie Hughes, director of library services and Native American Club sponsor; Monte Issac of Philadelphia, treasurer; Crystal Frazier of Conehatta, secretary; and Elizabeth Minter, librarian and Native American Club sponsor.

# ECCC Gospel Choir Reunion Performers

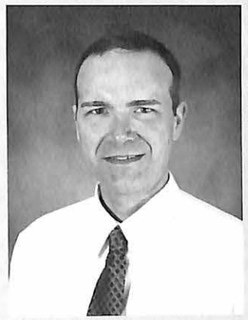
These former members of East Central Community College's Gospel Choir are shown prior to their homecoming weekend performance in recognition of the group's 25th reunion. Pictured are (first row, from left) Kathy Sanders, Lake; Sharon Anderson, Carthage; Kimberly Trotter, Union; Yolanda Smith, Quitman; Dwayne Evans, Newton; Adrin Gordon, Meridian; Shalene S. Walker and Annie Brown, both of Forest; and La Tonya Hoye and Dianne Thames, both of Decatur; and Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson of Lawrence, Gospel Choir sponsor; and (back row, from left) the Rev. Marcus Mann, Brandon; Nichie Pittman-Gray, Lake; Subrina Hall of Amy Johnson, both of Carthage; Monica Patrick, Decatur; Terance Anderson, Carthage; LeVar Robinson, Morton; Shemeka Cleveland, Decatur; and Natasha Foster, Philadelphia. Mayor James Young of Philadelphia was guest speaker. Special entertainment was provided by the Scott County Youth Mass Choir. Other program participants included Monya Fletcher of Morton, director, Scott County Youth Mass Choir and introduction of master of ceremonies; the Rev. Marcus Mann, master of ceremonies, devotion and benediction; ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, welcome; Kathy Sanders, occasion; Sharon Anderson, introduction of encouragement speaker; Terance Anderson and Shemeka Cleveland, presentation; and Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson remarks.

# Blackburn, Lucas Selected Job Training Technical Specialists

Jim Blackburn of Decatur and Jeffrey Lucas of Weir were recently selected Community Based Job Training (CBJT) Technology Specialists at East Central Community College, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president.

The new positions are funded by a Community Based Job Training Grant.

*Jim Blackburn*



*Jeffrey Lucas*

Blackburn, who began his new duties on Nov. 10, 2010, previously served as electronic technology instructor at ECCC, a position he held since 1993.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Blackburn was employed by Soule Steam Feed Works in Meridian and Retail Business Systems in Jackson.

A graduate of Newton High School, Blackburn received an associate's degree in electronic technology at ECCC in 1987 and attended Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Regina Munn and has two children, Amanda and Rebecca.

Lucas, who began his employment on Dec. 1, 2010, previously served as senior technology support analyst at PACCAR Engine Company in Columbus. He has held similar computer technician positions at Mississippi State University in Starkville and Premier Election Solutions in Jackson. He is also a former computer teacher at Central Academy in Macon.

A graduate of Weir High School, Lucas is a magna cum laude graduate of Mississippi State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in general business with concentration in information systems.

He is married to Bethany Lucas, who earlier this year began her new duties as business and computer technology instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of ECCC.

# ECCC Staffers Receive New Leadership Roles

New leadership roles were recently approved for several staff members at East Central Community College, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Dr. Sutphin, who made the announcement in a campus-wide memorandum and following approval of the changes by the Board of Trustees, said the reorganization effort is needed for the College "to succeed in providing educational opportunities for the citizens of our district. If our respective role is not in the classroom it is to support those who are in the classroom."

Areas affected in the reorganization effort include planning and research and workforce education and development.

"The planning and research functions of the College were given enhanced exposure with the creation of the role of Assistant to the President for Planning, Research, and Technology, and several elements of workforce-related activities were brought together under the leadership of a Dean for Workforce Education and Development," said Dr. Sutphin.

Dr. Sutphin said David Case will continue as Director of Information Technology but will assume a more direct role in the planning and research function of the College.

"Mr. Case will have direct responsibility for the strategic planning process of the College and implement the transformation of data into information for more effective planning in the instructional and support functions of ECCC," said Dr. Sutphin.

*David Case*

Case joined the ECCC staff in 1995 and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree from Millsaps College. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree.

The ECCC President said Roger Whitlock, who previously served as Dean of Workforce Development, is now Dean of Workforce Education and Development.

Whitlock, a staff member since 1994, holds bachelor and master's degrees from Mississippi State University.

In his new role, Whitlock is responsible for all workforce-related activities, including tech prep communication and coordination with secondary career/technical programs in the five-county district, adult basic education and GED activities for both the general public and in the area's businesses and industries, credit instruction in post-secondary career/technical instruction, non-credit workforce training activities and small business development.

*Roger Whitlock*

"Permeating all these areas will be an emphasis and opportunity to enhance entrepreneurial education and training as well as implementation of recognized certifications for completers and employees," said Dr. Sutphin.

Dr. Sutphin stated that new credit offerings have also been added in the business program (BAD) to support entrepreneurism and business administration.

"These changes were made to reallocate existing resources of the College to more effectively achieve the mission of the College," said Dr. Sutphin. "As the College moves forward, we will be held accountable for our results and we must be able to produce information, based on data, that East Central accomplishes its mission and makes a difference in people's lives."

## *Camp Receives Newsome Scholarship*

Christy Camp (left) of the Nevill Community in Neshoba County is a recent recipient of the Stella Weathersby Newsome Scholarship presented at East Central Community College. This scholarship is given in honor of Stella Weathersby Newsome, who served ECCC as a literature instructor and in other capacities for 30 years. Camp, a 47-year-old medical coding major, received the honor from Randall Lee (right), vice president for student services. She is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges and Phi Beta Lambda. The career-technical student is a 1980 graduate of Union High School and is in her sophomore year after attending college at ECCC for the very first time. She previously worked in sales and marketing. She has two children and three grandchildren. Nontraditional student tuition scholarships are provided to students age 23 or older who meet the scholarship guidelines. For more information, contact Randall Lee in Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.



# ECCC Welcomes New Staffers

Several new faces have joined the East Central Community College staff in recent months, while current employees have transferred to different positions on campus. They include Chris Clark, golf coach; Deana W. Cumberland, WIA/Dislocated Worker Program Coordinator; Joseph Knight, Director of Workforce Development; Paula Kerr, Data Input Manager/GED Examiner; Lori McMullan, Secretary to the Director of Athletics/Personnel Services; Matthew Riley, Community Based Job Training (CBJT) Grant Coordinator; and Amanda Walton, Workforce Education Counselor.

*Chris Clark*

Chris Clark was recently named golf coach at the college.

Clark is a former golf standout at ECCC, where he received MACJC All-State honors as a freshman in 1983-84 and was also recognized as state medalist. He was chosen on the NJCAA All-Region 23 Team in 1984-85.

Clark is following in the footsteps of his father, Joe Clark, who led the ECCC golf program for 30 of his 34 years on staff. He retired as golf coach in 2001.

In addition to responsibilities as golf coach, Clark will continue to serve the College as workforce development coordinator, a position he has held since fall 2002.

A graduate of Decatur High School, Clark holds an associate's degree in business administration from ECCC and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is married to the former Sandy Hemingway of Marion. They have two children, Luke and Olivia. The Clarks reside in Decatur.

Cumberland, who began her duties with the College's Workforce Development staff on Nov. 1, 2010, previously served as an employment interviewer for the Mississippi Department of Employment Security in Philadelphia, a position she held since June 2002.

*Deana Cumberland*

She has also served as an assistant transcript evaluator in the Registrar's Office at Mississippi State University in Starkville and is a former information technology and accountant recruiter for the Betty Nash Employment Agency in Tupelo.

Cumberland is involved in various community activities, currently serving as publicity chair for the Neshoba County Relay for Life and promotions committee member for the Philadelphia Main Street Association.

A 1994 graduate of Noxapater High School, Cumberland received an associate's degree from ECCC in 1996 and earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Mississippi State University in 1998.

She returned to ECCC in 2002-03 and completed coursework in business administration. She has also attended numerous employment-related workshops and received training in a variety of business topics.

She is married to Brian Cumberland, comptroller at Chahta Holding Group, and has two daughters, Samantha West and Cynthia Cumberland.

Knight, an ECCC staff member since 2005, previously served as Workforce Development Coordinator.

In his new role, Knight's duties include serving as a liaison between district businesses and industries and the College. He also works with industrial development groups, the State Employment Service, economic development representatives and civic organizations to establish and maintain an environment desirable for the employment community.

Prior to joining ECCC's Workforce Development staff, Knight served as Director of Quality Assurance/Manufacturing/Maintenance at Chahta Enterprise in Philadelphia, where he is also a former plant manager, General Supervisor of Production and Production Supervisor. In addition, he is a former plant superintendent at Chahta Enterprise in DeKalb.

*Joseph Knight*

A 1987 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Knight attended ECCC in 1987-89 and received a bachelor's degree in general business from Mississippi State University in 1991. He continued his education at MSU, receiving a master's degree in workforce education in 2009.

Knight is married to former Lisa St. Louis of Poplarville and they have a son, Jeff. They reside in the House community.

Prior to her new position, Kerr served since 1994 as an Adult Basic Education and General Educational Development instructor at various locations in the College's five-county district.

*Paula Kerr*

She is also a former elementary school teacher with the Newton Municipal School District, having served from 1986 to 1998.

A 1968 graduate of Kosciusko High School, Kerr received an associate's de-

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gree from Holmes Community College in Goodman in 1970. She continued her education as nontraditional student and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mississippi College in 1986, where she was graduated with Special Distinct Honors after maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

She is married to David Kerr and they have two grown children: Jay Kerr of Brandon and Anna Kerr Cain of Chunky. Jay is married to the former Vicky Nixon. They have two children, Ethan and Sam Kerr. Anna is married to Jason Cain. They have three children, Peyton, Olivia and Riley Kerr Cain.

*Lori McMullan*

McMullan, who joined the ECCC staff in 2006, previously served as an assistant in the financial aid office.

She is also a former employee at La-Z-Boy South in Newton.

A 1998 graduate of Lake High School, McMullan received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Office Systems Technology in 2006 from ECCC, where she was selected to the Hall of Fame.

She was also a President's and Dean's List scholar and a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. She was a member of Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students, and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

In addition, she received the Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology Award in 2005 and the Charles E. Pennington Business Technology Award in 2006. She was also a HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) nominee.

Riley, who began his new duties on Sept. 16, 2010, joins the ECCC staff with experience in various work environments.

*Matthew Riley*

He is the owner of Riley Consultant Group, located in Carthage. The company, established in 2009, provides professional consulting services with emphasis on grant writing and management.

He was previously employed as court director for Hinds County Government in Jackson, from 2006-09.

Riley is also a former court administrator for Georgia Superior Courts in Gainesville and Athens, serving from 2000-06. His duties included grant writing and management and developing programs within the courts.

Riley is a sought-after public speaker and often is called on by schools, churches and other organizations to speak at special ceremonies. He is also involved in community activities, dedicating his time and service to various initiatives, including his efforts to improve the quality of life in rural areas through job training and job placement. In addition, he is member of several professional and social organizations, including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Riley is a lifelong member of New Friendship Baptist Church in Walnut Grove, where he serves as assistant adult Sunday school teacher and finance chairman.

He is a 1991 honor graduate of South Leake High School, where he was an All-State basketball selection. He continued his basketball career at ECCC and was a starting guard on the 1993 state championship team coached by Marty Cooper. He was also a co-recipient of the Howard Sessums Memorial Award in Men's Basketball. After completing his degree from ECCC in 1993, Riley continued his education at Mississippi Valley State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in social science in 1996. He was also a member of the Delta Devil basketball team with his brother, Luther Riley, also an ECCC alumnus and head boys' basketball coach at Jackson Provine. Matt will begin work on a master's degree at Belhaven University in January 2011.

Riley is married to the former Marie Cherry of Columbia. They have two children, Kymberli, 15; and Matthew, 10. Both attend Carthage Public School.

*Amanda Walton*

Walton, who began her duties on Sept. 16, 2010, previously served the College as administrative assistant to the director of personnel services/athletic director and athletic academic adviser, a position held since 2008.

She began her employment at ECCC in 2007 as secretary to the dean of adult and continuing education.

In addition to her new position, Walton will continue teaching human growth and development classes as an adjunct faculty member.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Walton served seven years as a customer service representative at Community Bank of Mississippi in Forest.

A 1999 graduate of Lake High School, Walton received an associate's degree from ECCC in 2006 and continued her education at Mississippi State University-Meridian, where she earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies in 2007 and a master's in teaching with an emphasis in education psychology in 2009.

She has a four-year-old daughter, Madalyn Grace.



# HEADWAE Honorees Selected

Biology instructor Curt Skipper of Decatur and sophomore Anna Alexander of Little Rock will represent East Central Community College at the 2011 HEADWAE Program scheduled Thursday, Feb. 3 in Jackson.

The annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) observance is sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature, coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities and sponsored by the corporate community.

Mississippi's Lieutenant Governor serves as chairman of HEADWAE, which recognizes outstanding faculty members and students from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities.

"Our goal is to ensure a wonderful, exciting day of events for faculty and student honorees and their guests," said Lieutenant Governor Phil Bryant.

Skipper joined the ECCC faculty in August 2006 after previously serving as a graduate assistant in the biology department at the University of West Alabama.

He is also a former student teacher in chemistry and physics at Noxubee County High School.

In addition to his teaching duties, Skipper serves as an advisor for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, and is a sponsor of the College's Environmental Club.

*Curt Skipper*

*Anna Alexander*

Skipper, who has served as Science Division Chair in 2009, was selected a "Lamplighter" in 2008, an annual recognition of the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. He is also a member of the first graduation class of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, recognized in 2010.

A graduate of Central Academy in Macon, Skipper holds two associate degrees from East Mississippi Community College in Scooba and received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Mississippi State University in Starkville and a master's degree from the University of West Alabama in Livingston.

Skipper is married to the former Felecia George of Damascus and they have an infant son, Noah Robert Skipper.

Alexander, a communications major and President's List Scholar, is a home-schooled student.

She holds several leadership positions on the EC campus, including president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges; president of the Presidents' Council; and vice president of the student body association.

She also serves on the Baptist Student Union Council and is a member of "The Way" Drama Team.

In addition, Alexander is a member of the Lady Warrior Tennis Team, Warrior Corps, The Tom-Tom newspaper staff, Environmental Club, Concert Choir and Wesley Foundation.

She was selected 2010 Homecoming Maid of Honor, a freshman class favorite and served as freshman class secretary. She was also a member of The Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff her freshman year.

Alexander also won various honors her freshmen year including first-place awards in public speaking and parliamentary procedure in the statewide Phi Beta Lambda competition and finished sixth and fourth, respectively, in the national contest.

Other honors received include an ECCC Presidential Scholarship, ACT Scholarship, Clayton Blount Scholarship, Sam Walton Community Scholarship, PEO Star Scholarship, Margaret Mosal PTK Scholarship, Concert Choir Scholarship and several 4-H scholarship awards.

Alexander is the daughter of George and Cindy Alexander of Little Rock.

In addition to statewide recognition, a booklet will be published featuring photographs and biographical sketches of each honoree representing Mississippi's public and private colleges and universities.

## *Outstanding ECCC Instructors*

These faculty members representing East Central Community College in Decatur were recognized for excellence at the 2010 Lamplighter Conference held recently at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston. From left are Lisa O'Neill of Meridian, hotel/restaurant management technology instructor; Kim Hardy, biology instructor and Martie Vaughn, associate degree nursing instructor, both of Philadelphia. The annual conference is held to honor the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors.

# Pouncey Honored by Decatur Chamber

*By Lois Cooper*
*Special to The Warrior*

The Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce honored Ken Pouncey at the annual Chamber Banquet on Saturday, November 13, 2010. Pouncey was honored for his immeasurable contributions to education and to the enhancement of the greater Decatur area. He will be the 2010 Grand Marshall of the annual Decatur Christmas Parade. The banquet was held at East Central Community College's Mabry Memorial Cafeteria with a large crowd in attendance. Jeanette Thrash made the presentation to Pouncey on behalf of the Decatur Chamber.

Pouncey has been a resident of Decatur for 44 years. He and his wife, Alice, raised their three children in Decatur. Alicia, their oldest daughter, lives in New Orleans where she established a company which monitors drug studies for pharmaceutical companies. Their daughter, Amy Pouncey Lewis, is an instructor in the Child Development Technology Program at Copiah Lincoln Community College. She and her husband, Russ Lewis, and their two sons, Landon and Larson, live in Wesson. Their son, Nick, is a pharmaceutical sales representative. He lives in Brandon with his wife, Denise, and their two children, Carson and Bailey.

Pouncey began his educational career at his home school in Enterprise as a biology teacher and assistant football coach. He later taught biology and was head football coach at Beatrice and Silas, Alabama. In 1966 he came to East Central Community College as assistant football coach. In 1967 he was promoted to head coach and served in that capacity for fifteen years, which exceeds all others who have led ECCC football squads. Ken led his teams to three divisional runner-up titles and three divisional championships. He was honored for his successes on the grid iron by being selected to coach the MAJC All Star squads for three years. In 2005 he was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

From 1982-1988 he owned and operated Pouncey Hardware in Decatur. In 1988 Ken returned to the field of education serving as Superintendent of Education of the Newton County School District. Under his leadership the three schools of Beulah Hubbard, Decatur, and Hickory were consolidated and the construction of the facilities that are prized today began. Since consolidation was unpopular at that time, Pouncey was willing to sacrifice his job as Superintendent to ensure that the students of the district would have an opportunity to secure a quality education.

Pouncey served for two years as assistant principal at Bay Springs. From 1994-2001 he served as Superintendent of Enterprise School District.

Since he retired in 2001 he continues to serve in an active role in the Decatur United Methodist Church. He has served as president of the Newton County Retired Teachers Association. He has been a member of the Decatur Jaycees and the Decatur Lions Club. He has also served as a member of the ECCC Board of Trustees.

Pouncey is currently a member of Decatur American Legion Post 389. He served in the Mississippi Army National Guard from 1956-1962. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Mid-Mississippi Development District as well as a Director for the Pat Harrison Waterway District.

Pouncey is a loving and supportive husband, father, grandfather, and a friend who puts the welfare of others above his own.

*Jeanette Thrash, left, presented Ken Pouncey, center, a Plaque of Appreciation on behalf of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce, at the annual Chamber Banquet on Saturday, November 13, 2010. He was recognized for his immeasurable contributions to education and to the enhancement of the greater Decatur area. Pouncey was also selected Grand Marshall of the 2010 Christmas Parade. At right is Pouncey's wife, Alice.*

# Renew Your Alumni Association Membership

It's time once again to renew your commitment to the East Central Community College Alumni Association. Thanks to past support by loyal alumni and friends, the Association was able to fund three full-tuition scholarships for deserving EC students.

Your annual Alumni Association contributions help to continue the growth of the Association and to benefit the next generation of alumni. Membership dues run on a fiscal year basis (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). Annual dues are $10 single and $15 joint, or you may pay your lifetime membership dues, $100 single lifetime or $150 joint lifetime. If you are already a lifetime member, please consider making a general donation to the Alumni Association.

Checks should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association and mailed to P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.



## *Alumni News Briefs*

*Robert Ford*

**Robert Ford** (Class of 2000), who is a Financial Consultant with WBR Investment Services, LLC in Meridian, and the President for The First Tee of Meridian, has been selected to serve on the Charity Committee for the PGA Tour's "Together, Anything's Possible" Initiative. Robert is one of only twenty-four people across the country that serves on this committee.

**Dr. Brent Gregory** (Class of 1996) has been hired as Assistant Vice President for Administrative Services For Enrollment Management at Delta Community College in Morehead, MS.

**Christi Lee Gregory** (Class of 1995) has been hired as Tech Prep Coordinator for MS Delta Community College in Morehead.

*Robert E. "Bob" Luke*

*James "Jimmy" Hollingsworth*

Mississippi State University has named the 2010 class of Alumni Fellows, with each of the 10 individuals having distinguished themselves in their respective careers. Among recipients are East Central Community College graduates **Robert E. "Bob" Luke** and **Dr. James W. "Jimmy" Hollingsworth**. Luke, a 1980 MSU architecture graduate, for the College of Architecture, Art and Design. Luke, of Meridian, is president of LPK Architects P.A. Hollingsworth, a 1987 Bulldog alumnus, is a practicing general dentist at Hollingsworth Dental Clinic in Newton.

## *Celebrate 50th Anniversary!*

Beverly Jo Bracken Rhodes (Class of 1958) and her husband, Dusty, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at B. Gatewood Studio in Forest. The reception was held by family members. Beverly is president of Friends of the Forest Library and has worked on fundraising and planning for the new library which opened on August 26, 2010.

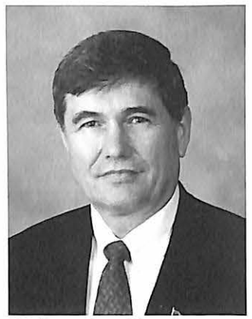
## *Brown Bottling Donates to Warrior Athletics*

East Central Community College President Dr. Phil Sutphin (center) is shown accepting a donation to the Warrior Club from Jerry Staines (left), Vice President of Development, on behalf of Brown Bottling Group, Inc.. The donation is part of a five-year commitment from the company, the local franchise distributor for Pepsi Cola and Cadbury Beverages. The Warrior Club is a fundraising organization for the ECCC athletic department and provides much-needed supplies and equipment for the College's 10 athletic teams. At right is Brown Bottling Group General Manager Mark Kennedy.

# Scholarships Established in Memory, Honor of Rush Hospital Officials

Scholarships honoring the late Rush Hospital Administrator Dan Harrison and current Rush Health System President/CEO Wallace Strickland were recently established by the Newton Community Health Foundation and Rush Health Systems for qualified students attending East Central Community College in Decatur.

*Dan Harrison*



*Wallace Strickland*

The Dan Harrison Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship honors the Scott County native and ECCC alumnus "for his dedicated service to the delivery of quality healthcare."

Harrison served 25 years in several positions with Rush Health Systems until his untimely death in 2006. His career in healthcare ranged from staff registered nurse to executive vice president of Rush Health Systems.

Harrison was also involved in various community endeavors, including the State Games of Mississippi, where he served on the Board of Directors.

He was a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and served as Chairman of the Mississippi Hospital Association Board of Directors as well as a Board member for six years. In addition, he served on the American Hospital Association Board and was Chairman of the Regional Policy Board, which represented a six-state area in the southeastern region. He was also a Board member for the American Heart Association.

A graduate of Scott Central High School, Harrison received an Associate Degree in Science from ECCC, an Associate Degree in Nursing from Meridian Community College, a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Mississippi and a Masters of Business Administration from Mississippi College.

He was married to the former Frankie Usry of Forest. They had three sons, Daniel, Denver and Davis.

The Harrison scholarship provides two annual awards of $500 each to assist deserving district students who are pursuing a degree in healthcare education at ECCC.

The Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship was established "in honor and recognition" of the longtime hospital administrator and ECCC alumnus who began his employment with Rush in 1970. His positions of leadership include Coordinator of Special Projects, Data Processing Manager, Assistant Administrator, Administrator and Vice President of Operations/Rush Health Systems, Inc., Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of both Rush Foundation and Rush Health Systems, and President/CEO of Rush Health Systems.

In 1997, Strickland was appointed as the Assistant Secretary for the Board of Trustees of Rush Health Systems and in 1999 he assumed his current duties as President of Rush Health Systems, Inc., and subsidiaries.

Strickland "continues to expand Rush Health Systems, Inc. and influence healthcare across the state with dedication and visionary leadership."

He serves in numerous capacities in the local community providing leadership in the economic development of the region. He is a past chairman of the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation and was instrumental in helping start the State Games of Mississippi and has continued his support of the annual event. He is a former president of Medical Group Management Association of Mississippi. Strickland currently serves on the Great Southern National Bank Board of Directors.

A graduate of Decatur Attendance Center, Strickland received an Associate of Arts degree from East Central Junior College, a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alabama. He also attended MCC.

Strickland is married to the former Judy Morland of Meridian. They have a daughter, Julie, and a son, Jason.

The Strickland scholarship provides two annual awards of $500 each to deserving district students who are pursing degrees in healthcare education at ECCC.

Recipients of the Harrison and Strickland scholarships will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

The East Central Community College district includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

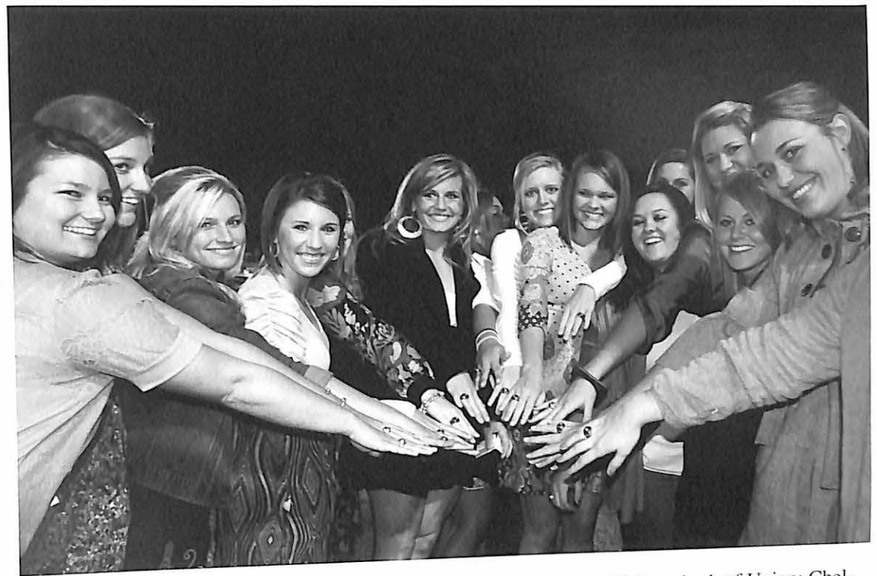
For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Services Office, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.

## New E-Mail Addresses Needed for All Alumni and Friends

*If you are an alumni or friend of the college and would like to receive e-mail announcements and newsletters from the Alumni Association, please send your name, class year, and e-mail address to sholling@eccc.edu.*

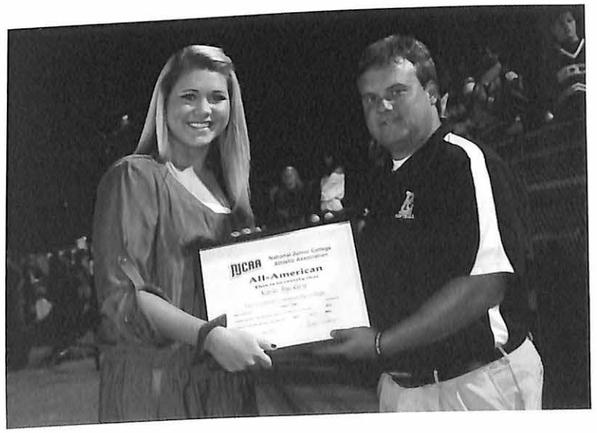


# *ECCC Squad Presented Championships Rings!*



Proudly displaying their Region 23 Championship rings are members of the 2010 East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team who received the new jewelry during halftime ceremonies of the Warriors' 24-14 football victory over Jones County Junior College on Oct. 14, 2010. The Lady Diamond Warriors, led by head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney, captured the program's first regional title and finished fourth in the NJCAA Division II Softball Tournament en route to a record 47 wins, 11 losses and one tie. The EC squad also finished state runner-up. Team members and their respective high schools include (not in order) Morgan Malone, Madison Central; Sierra Farlow, Lauren Nicholas, Abbie Joiner, Emily Breland and Hailey Chisolm, all of Neshoba Central; Summer Alexander, Brittany Cochran and Kasie Buckley, all of Newton County; Olivia Maher, East Ascension High School, Gonzales, La.; Shelby Smith and Paige Holsen, both of Union; Chelsea Jones, Enterprise; Taylor Bailey, Bowie High School, Austin, Texas; and Hannah Lee, Leake Academy. Managers were Monica James of Leake Academy, Jessica Bozeman of Carthage and Sydney Tucker of Neshoba Central.

## *Buckley Receives All-American Award*




East Central Community College standout softball player Kasie Buckley (left) of Little Rock is shown receiving a framed certificate from head coach Scott Hill in recognition of her selection as an NJCAA Division II All-American following the Lady Diamond Warriors' championship 2010 season. Buckley, a freshman short stop/pitcher, was chosen on the 12-member All-American squad as a utility player. She also received most valuable offensive player honors during the May 20-22 national tournament held in Normal, Illinois, during which EC won three of five matchups in the double-elimination event. The Newton County High School product posted a .636 batting average and belted three home runs, a double and three singles and collected seven RBIs during the five contests. Buckley also received All-Region 23 and MACJC First Team All-State recognition and was chosen MACJC South Division MVP. In addition, she was chosen the Lady Diamond Warriors' most valuable player. Prior to the NJCAA Tournament, Buckley owned a .469 batting average with 10 home runs, three triples and 19 doubles. She was credited with 47 RBIs. She finished the season with a .475 average and had 13 home runs, three triples, 21 doubles and 55 RBIs. She also posted a 16-3 record on the mound with a 2.30 ERA.

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### Jonie Sue Hunter Gunderson

Jonie Sue Hunter Gunderson (Class of 1956) of Arlington, Texas died August 30, 2010. She was originally from Scott County.

### Patricia Ann Leatherwood Benson

Patricia Ann Leatherwood Benson (Class of 1963) of Kurten, Texas died October 4, 2010 at St. Joseph Regional Health Care Center in Bryan.

Pat was a long-time resident of the Bryan/College Station area. She worked as a supervisor at the Clinical Pathology Lab at the College of Veterinary Medicine of Texas A&M University for 30 years. She was frequently consulted on blood chemistry techniques and served on an advisory board for Abbott Laboratories. Pat co-authored numerous published scientific papers. Pat and husband Chris owned and operated the 74 Ranch.

She was the daughter of the late Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood.

### Eugene L. Culpepper

Eugene Lee Culpepper, 89, of Forest died Sunday, December 5, 2010, in Lackey Hospital in Forest.

He was a graduate of East Central Community College, Mississippi College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He was a teacher and administrator for Goodhope, Macedonia and Rose Hill schools, followed by his employment with Field Enterprises Educational Corporation for 38 years.

He was a Veteran of the US Air Force and a longtime member of Forest Baptist Church, the VFW and the Lions Club.

### Dr. James R. Bobo

Dr. James R. Bobo of Florence, Alabama died September 10, 2010. Dr. Bobo was an instructor at ECJC from 1952 – 1958.



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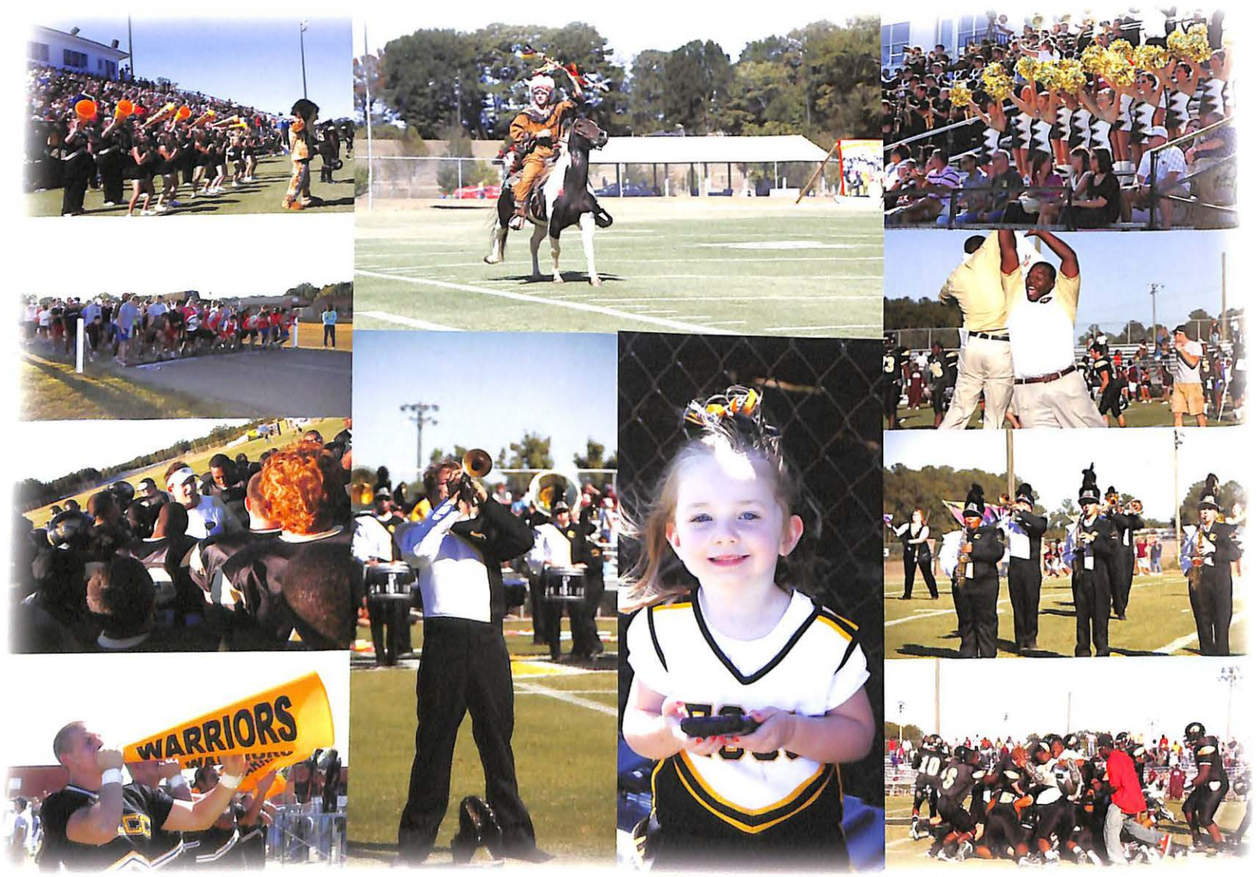


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